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Katie Price is right for Asda

KATIE Price appeared at Asda last week to sign copies of her latest book.

More than 1,000 people turned up at the store in Bletcham Way, Bletchley, on Thursday to get signed copies of the former glamour model's fourth autobiography, You Only Live Once.

Bernard Sullivan, admin manager at the store, said: "It was a fantastically received event. The crowds went out the door.

"Katie stayed until all the books were signed, so no-one was disappointed.

"She was a really pleasant young woman."

Katie Price with her new book

Fans join the media circus as Katie Price signs copies of her new book You Only Live Once

MK Partnership may be axed leaving council in sole charge of planning decisions

'Crucial' meeting to decide city's future

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THE possible demise of the organisation that oversees the growth of Milton Keynes could have a significant impact on the future of the city, it has been claimed this week.

MK NEWS understands Milton Keynes Partnership (MKP) could be shut down, meaning that for the first time in the city's history all decisions about developments could be made in one place.

A meeting will take place next Wednesday which is being dubbed 'crucial' for the future of the city and the 665 hectares of land in the Milton Keynes area owned by MKP.

The land could be taken over by Milton Keynes Council, The Parks Trust, or even private companies, with decisions on how it is developed expected to be made by the council.

A council spokesman said it is currently in talks with the Government's Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) quango, which oversees MKP, but nothing has been decided.

Milton Keynes councillor David Hopkins, who is a member of MKP's board, said: "The most significant thing is that for the first time, Milton Keynes Council would become a proper local authority – we have never been masters of our own destiny.

"The council has never been master of its own growth, planning and economic development, as it's always been subservient to a quango. We can get on and do it and people will be properly democratically accountable. It's a very exciting time – we have to grasp the nettle."

MKP could be forced to fold as part of the restructuring of the HCA, which works nationally to deliver housing and regeneration.

David Foster is chairman of The Parks Trust, which develops and manages the city's open spaces.

He said the transfer of land, depending on who eventually takes it on, could be good news for the city.

He said: "This is a really crucial time for Milton Keynes because what happens to the agency, and in particular the land it still owns, is very important.

"For us this is all very intriguing. The consequences could be very good, I would hope the land ends up being in the control of the people in Milton Keynes and some would be transferred to The Parks Trust for open spaces."

An HCA spokesman said the group was unable to comment on the restructuring plans until staff had been consulted, which was due to happen soon.

He added: "It is well known that the HCA is changing as a result of our new enabling and investment role and as part of that we are looking at how we work in every part of the country, including Milton Keynes.

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The Park Trust's Luke Nixon and Rob Riekie inspect a hole in the ground where a tree ought to be

Green-fingered thieves steal £1,000 of trees and bushes

THIEVES have ripped out £1,000 of trees and bushes – four days after they were planted.

The 50 laurel bushes and ten pine trees had been planted by the city's open spaces management charity The Parks Trust at the edge of allotments off the V5 in Wolverton.

When Rob Rieke, the landscape and forestry manager, returned to check on them, they had disappeared. He said: "We are very disappointed these were stolen so soon after planting and urge anyone who saw anything suspicious to call us or the police with any information they might have."

Anyone with information should call the police on 0845 8 505 505.

Charity unable to meet advice needs

Shelter writes to city MP urging him to take action

HUNDREDS of people will miss out on free help and advice following Government cuts.

That's the warning from Shelter, the charity for homeless people, which says cuts to its funding and other advice agencies will mean help on issues like debt, welfare benefits and legal aid will not be available to those who need it most.

Shelter Buckinghamshire, based in the city, estimates it will no longer be able to help 82 per cent of its clients, or 1,000 people, meaning they would not be able to get help or advice until they are in court on the verge of losing their home.

Campbell Robb, chief executive of Shelter, said: "The Government's proposed cuts will have a devastating impact and essentially take away many people's first line of defence when they fall on hard times.

"With so many threats on the horizon, such as unemployment and rising interest rates, we are extremely concerned that many more people will struggle to make ends meet and won't be able to hang on to their home without help."

The charity has written to MP for Milton Keynes North, Mark Lancaster, to urge him to take action.

He said: "Legal aid plays an important part in protecting the most vulnerable in the community.

"The Government's consultation inviting views on the balance between providing legal aid and ensuring value for money for taxpayers is still open and I would encourage constituents who have views to contact me so I can ensure they are taken into account."

Search for Paolo ends after his body is found in canal

FAMILY and friends have been paying tribute to Paolo Sicorello after his body was found in a canal on Sunday.

It was discovered by a member of the public in the canal in the Giffard Park area, near to the pub from which he went missing on January 9.

Since his disappearance, Paolo's friends and family, members of the community and local companies had helped police in the search for him.

On the Facebook group 'Help Find Paolo Sicorello in Milton Keynes', which has 1,716 members, hundreds of people have left messages of condolence.

One message, from Val Barnes, reads: "There are no words to say how we feel. We know you were loved so much. RIP Paolo lots of love uncle Les, auntie Val and all the family down here in Kent x x x."

Another, from Mark Young, reads: "Bye Paolo. Rest in peace mate. You were a massive part of my childhood and growing up for 15 years. I haven't seen you for a number of years but I'm proud to have called you my mate. Thoughts with the family at this time."

Paolo Sicorello: His body was found in the Grand Union Canal

Residents moved in drugs farm fire

Six homes are evacuated after blaze in terraced house used to grow cannabis

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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Police tape keeps people away from the terraced house where a fire broke out on Friday night

A SUSPECTED cannabis farm fire led to the evacuation of six homes at the weekend.

Firefighters were called to a mid-terrace house in Windsor Street, Wolverton, just after midnight on Friday.

Jo-Anne Clover, 39, who lives next door with her two sons, aged seven and eight, said: "We were in the house at the time and were woken up early on Saturday morning by next door.

"The police told us it was a cannabis farm. Apparently there were 20 sockets in the loft as well as fans and lights.

"The house was rented out by three Vietnamese. I only saw them once, when they moved in several months ago.

"We were allowed back into our house on Saturday lunchtime. There was smoke in the house and a hole in our roof."

Another neighbour who lives three doors down is Dave Persaud. He said: "I'm shocked, very shocked. But these things do go on.

"I was petrified. I thought it was going to go down the whole terrace."

Station Manager Ian Wilson, the incident commander, said: "When the first crews arrived, smoke was pouring through the roof of the house.

"Firefighters had to withdraw when the roof started to collapse onto the first floor, but were able to surround the fire and prevent it from spreading in both directions along the terrace.

"They did exceptionally well in difficult conditions, including high winds, to contain the fire and prevent it from causing considerable damage to a number of people's homes."

Agressive homeless man given what could be city's last ASBO

A MAN given an ASBO for aggressive behaviour may be the last to receive the punishment in Milton Keynes.

On Monday the Government announced new plans to tackle antisocial behaviour, including the creation of new behaviour orders and the abolition of ASBOs.

Jamie Lee Cooke, 26, of no fixed abode, was given a two-year ASBO at MK Magistrates' Court on Thursday for being aggressive towards members of the public.

The order bans him from entering the city centre, apart from prearranged appointments, and not to beg for money, food or clothing.

Commenting on the changes, Assistant Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police, Simon Eden said: "The Association of Chief Police Officers has been clear that we will support a simplification of the tools and powers available to front-line practitioners, making it easier for them to do what works best. We also recognise that antisocial behaviour cannot be solved by public services alone. Police and partners have a role in supporting communities to develop their own capabilities, including enhancing the public's ability to appropriately intervene, without putting themselves at risk.

"Any proposals that enable agencies and communities to better deal with antisocial behaviour are to be welcomed."

City MP promotes heavyweight Olympic coins

THE Olympic Games are set to be commemorated with the country's largest-ever coins, thanks to a city MP.

On Friday, MP for Milton Keynes North, Mark Lancaster, presented a Private Member's Bill to Parliament which will enable the Royal Mint to strike coins weighing more than a kilogram.

Currently the law prohibits striking coins at that weight, but if passed, the Bill will allow the creation of gold £1,000 and silver £500 coins, which will raise money to help fund London 2012.

Ten centimetres in diameter, the kilo coins will carry on the numismatic, or currency collecting, tradition of previous games.

Mr Lancaster used his speech as a chance to prove that the Olympics are not confined to London, with Milton Keynes being the site of a training village for five Olympic and four Paralympic sports. He said: "A small change to the law will mean future generations can mark occasions with collectable items."

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Nurseries' merger should be treated as opportunity

SIR – I am writing in response to the article titled 'Parents angry at nurseries merger' in last week's MK NEWS.

My husband and I have two children who attend The Rowans Day Nursery.

The article left us feeling as though some of the parents of the Russell Street Day Nursery are rubbishing The Rowans and implying that their children will be subject to inferior levels of care.

Firstly, it is important to note that The Rowans Ofsted report referred to in the article was made in 2007. At this point the nursery had been open for only four months.

While the parents of Russell Street Day Nursery do not want their nursery to close, I do not understand why their campaign should involve painting The Rowans in a negative light.

Our children are extremely happy at The Rowans and have fun when they go. Their attendance there has had an extremely positive impact on their development. Not only is The Rowans building a safe environment in which to care for and educate the children, the staff have great relationships with the children and parents alike and also work together to bring out the best in our children.

Surely the merger of the two nurseries would be a wonderful opportunity for the children of both establishments to make new friends and for the staff to combine working practices and embrace the 'best' aspects from both nurseries.

Mrs C Barnes
Sent by e-mail

■ SIR – I am dismayed that in a forward-looking town such as Stony Stratford the closure of the very best nursery in the area can even be under consideration.

I am certain that the cost of repairs will be no more than the cost of some of the crackpot schemes the council has afforded in the past. Long live Russell Street Day Nursery.

Jackie Stevens
Sent by e-mail

Cops too quick to arrest

SIR – Regarding the story 'city centre crime stats rubbished' last week.

The police and others can rubbish the figures all they want. Whatever they say these figures are a record of the number of arrests made.

If the city centre is a safe place, and I believe it is, then the only other answer is that our police are too quick to arrest people, rather than deploying other measures first, such as warnings, official cautions or simply talking to people.

Paul Griffiths
Sent by e-mail

Scrambled thinking

SIR – Pizza or politics? That's the menu of the day as some of our council members were seen trying food for thought.

I guess it's like choosing the toppings with some councillors wanting more and some wanting less. Just like the cuts they are chewing over that will significantly affect the arts budget in Milton Keynes very shortly.

Taking a 20 per cent slice off the Inter-Action MK grant (MK NEWS, January 26) is so indigestible considering that the less disadvantaged of our community have maybe the smallest voice in fighting back.

It's good to see the public making their feelings known in trying to save our local libraries. But it's hard to swallow that a long-standing local charity like Inter-Action MK, which delivers the arts in all its forms, may well be taken off the menu as a source of community wellbeing for the most disadvantaged citizens in Milton Keynes, due to the lack of a sufficient portion of funding.

Lets hope it's not the last supper.

Mitch Hicks
Cottingham Grove, Bletchley

Who benefits?

SIR – It is right and proper for benefit cheats to feel the full force of the law when found guilty (MK NEWS, February 2).

It is also right that the Government should combat benefit fraud and do all it can to protect the public purse from those who seek to cheat the system.

However, the Government is very vociferous in telling us about its efforts to tackle cheats, but it is very coy about tackling an even bigger problem – the scandal of tax dodgers in this country.

Up to £120billion is lost to tax cheats every year, that is 15 times more than benefit cheats cost us.

The Government's response so far has been to cut staff in HM Revenue and Customs, thus making the job of tackling the tax dodgers even harder.

If just half of these 'stolen' taxes could be collected it would mean that the threatened cuts in vital Milton Keynes public services, including libraries and hospital care, would not be necessary.

Let us demand that the Government shows the same resolve in tackling tax dodgers that it shows in tackling benefit cheats.

Dave Brunwin
Stony Stratford

Parking at a premium

SIR – So it is final, since Monday there have been no free parking spaces in the city centre that are under the control of Milton Keynes Council, and most of these have been raised to premium rates.

Does this loss of free parking also include councillors who have enjoyed free parking?

They make the rules, they should also abide by them. They cannot make the excuse that it is their place of work, since there are hundreds who work in the city centre and have to pay premium rates.

D Armstrong
Crosby Court, Crownhill

Pre-Christmas cheer

SIR – On behalf of our members I wish to express our appreciation for the support given to us by the public for our collections before Christmas.

As a result of street collections in Newport Pagnell and Olney and various collections during November and December at Frosts Garden Centre, Woburn Sands, we raised more than £4,000.

This will enable our trust fund to continue to support various charitable causes, including the main beneficiary, Willen Hospice.

We also would like to acknowledge the help given to us by Frosts Garden Centre and members of the Milton Keynes Grand Union Rotary Club.

Our club is always looking for new members. Should anyone like to know more about us we would be pleased to see them any Wednesday from 7.30pm at the Swan Revived Hotel, Newport Pagnell, or they can call me on 01908 216598.

Colin Kidby, president,
Rotary Club of Newport Pagnell

Horse sense

SIR – I am not usually the complaining type and I used to own horses for 14 years so I feel that I know what I am talking about.

My complaint is that some riders have found it necessary to ride around Caldecotte Lakes on the carefully kept, mowed areas beside the footpath.

The recent weather has rendered this area boggy to say the least and hoof prints have caused divots as deep as six inches in places.

If riders had bothered to ride a little further in, on the rough grass area, there would have been little or no damage but as it is the park keepers will have a considerable job on their hands to rectify what is an inconsiderate action by those we consider to be countryside lovers.

Milton Keynes has a myriad of bridle paths and it is easy to plan a circular route without damaging park areas. Also, close to Caldecotte Lakes are Oak Wood, Rammamere Heath and Aspley Woods – all ideal riding areas.

Also, why do riders not acknowledge drivers slowing down to pass them on country lanes? If all riders smiled or nodded (it is not necessary to take their hands off the reins) the relationship between drivers and riders would considerably improve.

Gail Valentine
Sent by e-mail

Stay out, son

SIR – Regarding your story 'Son set to replace banned US pastor' in the paper on January 26.

For me the defining feature of growing up and being educated in Milton Keynes has been the fantastic cultural diversity and complete absence of racism or anti-Islamic/minority beliefs or action.

I have many Islamic friends whom I respect hugely and, as a church-goer myself, I totally understand them wanting a place of worship in Bletchley so I am not against this mosque being built.

I am fundamentally against the beliefs of organisations such as the EDL and EIO. I don't think this man should be allowed to come to our beautifully diverse nation to spread his prejudiced and immoral beliefs.

James Bowker
Sent by e-mail

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Mayor Debbie Brock was one of the dignitaries at the Bean Throwing service at the Buddist Temple

Beans means Chinese New Year at Buddhist temple

NIPPONZAN Myohoji Buddhists held their annual Bean Throwing Festival on Thursday to mark the coming of the Chinese New Year.

The Setsubun traditionally allows people born in the sign of the incoming year to throw beans to drive the evil spirit away and bring good luck to mark the new year and the begining of spring.

Those who were aged 12 and multiples of twelve joined Mayor Debbie Brock, monks and High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire, Countess Elizabeth Howe, in throwing beans to bring in the Year of the Rabbit at the temple by Willen Lake.

Benn to speak at budget cuts rally

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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FORMER cabinet minister Tony Benn will be visiting the city to speak at a rally before Milton Keynes Council's budget cuts are decided.

The left-wing veteran and president of the Coalition of Resistance will top the bill at the rally, organised by MK Coalition of Resistance (MKCoR) and featuring speakers from trades unions, the National Pensioner's Forum and student fees campaigners.

The event will take place on February 18 as part of a week of action to urge councillors to vote against the proposed cuts at the budget-setting council meeting on February 22.

Anita de Klerk, chairman of MKCoR, said: "We are very, very excited to have Tony Benn coming to speak at our rally. It is a privilege and an honour to have him headlining our event.

Left-wing veteran Tony Benn will speak at a 'resistance' rally to oppose council budget cuts

"We are holding the rally to oppose the proposals by the council and highlight what's happening in Milton Keynes.

"We deem this as an undemocratic mandate as we, the electorate, did not vote for this.

"We do not give MK Council permission to sell off, dismantle, reduce or close our public services. This is an irresponsible experiment and we do not support any of its proposals.

"We ask MK Council to develop programmes which create jobs instead of cutting jobs, protect the services we have and to stand united with its electorate as its representatives."

Other guest speakers at the rally, at Jury's Inn Hotel, Midsummer Boulevard, at 7pm, include representatives from train drivers' and operators' union Aslef and the Communication Workers Union.

MKCoR is also running a petition against the proposed cuts at www.mkcor.blogspot.com.

It will also be staging a protest against the cuts outside the council's Civic Offices in Silbury Boulevard on February 22 at 6pm - just before the meeting.

Council housing rents up by 5.1 per cent

RENT rises for tenants living in council properties were discussed at a meeting last night.

In line with central Government targets, councillors proposed an average rent increase of 5.1 per cent for 2011/12, as well as the same increase for garage rents.

Although he admits the increase is significant, Councillor Chris Williams, in charge of housing at Milton Keynes Council, said the rises were due to Government pressure and could have been higher.

He said: "The Government tells us what it expects us to charge and in return we get a subsidy – if we under or overcharge, it reduces this amount. It said we should be charging an increase of 6.4 per cent, but we took the view that was far too much."

The rises are an attempt by the Government to make rents 'fairer', by bringing what is paid by council tenants in line with what is paid by those in housing association properties.

Last week, the Department for Work and Pensions announced it would be providing an extra £130million 'transitional fund' to local authorities to help those affected by the rent reforms, with £94,404 going to MK Council.

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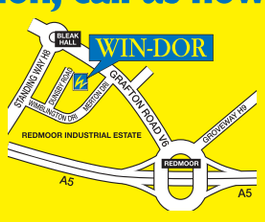

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Mayor Debbie Brock is joined by local children at the opening of their new play area on Monday. The Pre-Historic Park, named by a young resident for its monster-shaped space and its location on an historic right of way, had its grand opening on Watercress Way in Broughton. The park, envisaged to be a place for learning through play and discovery, is the first open space park to be completed in the Eastern Expansion Area.

LINk's chief fears for future of NHS

John Needham, chairman of the Milton Keynes Local Involvement Network which aims to improve health and social care

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PATIENTS are in for a shock when the NHS savings start to take their toll.

That's the message from John Needham, chairman of the Milton Keynes Local Involvement Network (LINk), an independent body focusing on improving health and social care.

He said people don't yet realise the implication of NHS Milton Keynes needing to save £104million over the next four years and the city's hospital slashing £25million from its budget before 2013.

"The primary care trust (PCT) and hospital make it sound like it's all going to be alright," he said. "But any sensible person can see if you're going to save any money, then it will have an effect on patients.

"The PCT, which has to save £20million next year, is going to be trying to buy fewer services from the hospital, which will in turn have less activity. The hospital is already in deficit, so this will be even more significant. If we are not careful, we will not have a hospital that looks like it does now in three or four years' time."

Mr Needham said this could lead to people having to go elsewhere for treatment, with the hospital having to treat more private patients to raise funds.

He added: "The effect is, if they can't be treated, people are going to GP surgeries, increasing the pressure on those, and people's quality of life will be affected.

"Someone has to take into account that the population is increasing more significantly than any other place, but the hospital is reducing what it does to make savings. You wonder how it is going to serve the population increase."

MK Hospital beds may be axed to plug funding gap

BEDS could be axed at Milton Keynes Hospital to help plug a multi-million pound funding gap.

At a community and wellbeing scrutiny commitee meeting on Tuesday last week, the hospital's interim chief executive, Mark Millar, said the equivalent of three wards may have to close.

It also emerged the hospital may be joining with those in Bedford, Northampton and Kettering to offer specialist services, like cardio-vascular treatments.

Other proposed cuts include 280 fewer posts for consultancy agency staff and the hospital being paid one-and-a-half per cent less per patient than it is now.

The primary care trust (PCT) will also cut the funding it gives to the hospital by nine per cent in 2011/12.

As previously reported in MK NEWS, the PCT announced it will need to save £104million over the next four years, which will include reducing the amount it pays the hospital for treating patients.

As a result the hospital said it is facing a £14.9million funding gap in 2011/12.

Meanwhile, the hospital and PCT are in talks over claims by the PCT that the hospital was paid too much money for running its maternity ward.

In a joint statement, the PCT and the hospital said: "Milton Keynes has a young population and as a consequence we have seen high increases in birth rates in recent years.

"Both NHS Milton Keynes and Milton Keynes Hospital are working closely to see how we can control these costs without reducing the level and high quality care women receive."

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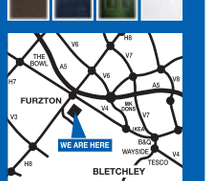

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Ex's message to missing boyfriend

Missing: Darren Bees

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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AN EMOTIONAL appeal has been made for a father, who has been missing for more than four weeks, to return home.

No-one has seen or heard from Darren Bees, 40, since he left his home in Water Eaton Road, Bletchley, on January 11.

His ex-girlfriend, Cheryl Lott, 37, who lives with him, said all she wants is for him to come home to his 13-month-old son, Alex.

She said: "I'm really worried because I know what frame of mind he was in when he left. He just wasn't in a good way. He's got a little son here who misses his daddy.

"Darren's had lots of problems in the past, and I just want to know he's okay. He's left before, once when I was pregnant, but he's always got in contact with me.

"I was upstairs having a nap, only for 40 minutes or so, and when I woke up he was gone.

"I just want him to come home, just for his son's sake. I've got to think of Alex.

"I don't know what else I can do for him – everybody's looking and they can't find him. I just don't know what's happened."

There are increasing fears over Darren's disappearance as he suffers from epilepsy and police are unsure whether he has access to his medication.

Although he lives in Bletchley, he also has connections with Guildford and Bristol and MK police are working with officers in Surrey to find him.

Melting heart sculpture a prize asset

A COLD-hearted display will be the focus of the shopping centre's St Valentine celebrations.

On Friday at 1.30pm, a giant ice-sculpted heart will be carved live in Queen's Court, thecentre:mk, which will encase a single red rose and an engagement ring.

Shopping couples will then be invited to guess how long it will take for the heart to melt and the diamond ring to fall.

Whoever makes the most accurate guess will win the ring.

The centre's Melanie Beck said: "We really wanted to create a visual spectacular for St Valentine's Day. The rose and diamond will look beautiful in the iced heart and Queen's Court is a perfect environment."

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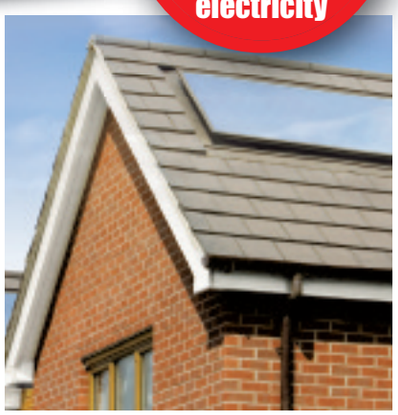

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Handout leaves libraries short

Council cash £95,000 under Stony library's running costs

TWO threatened libraries have been saved from imminent closure – but campaigners are still worried.

Stony Stratford and Woburn Sands libraries were earmarked for closure in Milton Keynes Council's budget proposals, which sparked outrage among residents and a campaign in Stony Stratford which achieved international exposure.

But following 98 public responses to the budget consultation – which closed on Friday – against the library closures, councillors have changed their minds.

Councillor Sam Crooks, in charge of finance, said the council is now proposing to provide a sum of money to each library to help them move from council to community control.

He said: "We are planning to put £40,000 into Woburn Sands Library and £35,000 into Stony Stratford. In both cases the two libraries have pointed out how they can achieve the savings we want and keep them open on a volunteer basis, but they need a bit of a boost in starting up.

Campaigners outside Stony Stratford library

"It shows what can be done when the town council and volunteers work together."

But campaigners say this may not be enough money.

Cllr Rob Gifford, chairman of Stony Stratford Town Council, said: "The cost that was being quoted for running the library in its current format was £130,000 per year.

"That still leaves £95,000. There's no way the town council would consider precepting that amount for the next year.

"I welcome the fact that Councillor Crooks is responding to a significant amount of public concern and anger, but at the moment he doesn't seem to have responded quite as far as I would have hoped."

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■ **See page 18 for more on the council's budget consultation responses**

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Dons' Chairman Pete

In July 2007 MK Dons' stadiummk opened its doors for the first time, but four years on the site at Denbigh north is yet to be completed. Chairman Pete Winkelman remains confident that if development deals hold firm the project will be finished in two years. MK NEWS Sports Reporter SIMONE CORGAN spoke exclusively to him about his plans

PETE Winkelman can see 'light at the end of the tunnel' as businesses begin to invest in the retail development which will fund the completion of stadiummk.

Phase one of the stadium – the lower bowl – has been in operation since the venue opened, yet the upper bowl and the neighbouring arena remain incomplete.

A large area of land is barren at the site but by the end of this year work will have started on the infrastructure which will house a number of retail outlets and wheels are already in motion for top high street stores to move in.

Three years ago a deal with Marks and Spencer fell through prior to the recession, but it is believed the plan to open a new store at stadiummk is now back on track.

The retail outlets could create up to 800 jobs at the stadium site. But Mr Winkelman would not confirm the occupiers or franchises his consortium – InterMK – is in discussions with, fearing potential deals could be jeopardised.

However, he is happy to confirm progress with the land, dubbed Site A, is finally being made.

"I'm hugely scared of being too positive because I've learnt how hard it has been to finalise the deals necessary to finish the stadium, but there's light at the end of the tunnel," he said.

"We use value created in the development to help fund what we do in the stadium, it is how we have funded the stadium to date and it's a tried and tested method.

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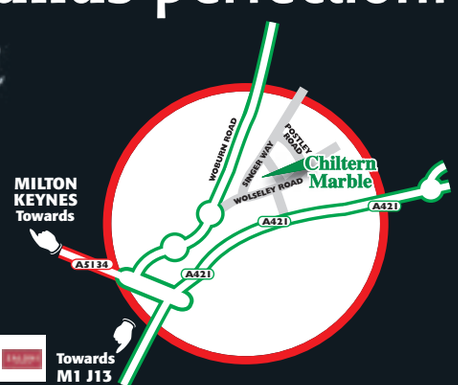

- a man on a mission

have made to date, however, we still have a number of hurdles to get over before we go to 'unconditionality' – that means our deals are live, the finances are in place and away we go.

"We're hoping that will happen this year and then it will take us a year to finish everything. So within the next two years I'm very, very realistic we should be able to get this stadium finished – and I can't wait."

There is already a DW Sports Fitness Club, McDonald's and KFC on the site and work is expected to start soon on a Dominos pizza unit.

Mr Winkelman is desperate to finish what he started and knows the importance of having the infrastructure in place to cope with sport, both football and rugby, at a higher level than League One.

"Even if people want to criticise me for it, I'm absolutely clear about what I've got to do," he added.

"I have to finish the stadium because if the stadium is finished it will not only host League One, Championship, or even Premier League games, but also internationals and rugby at the top level.

"If we complete the stadium it becomes a city asset for Milton Keynes.

"I'm showing that my commitment to make this happen that was there 12 years ago is, unbelievably, still there and just as strong. I'm surprised at that, let alone anybody else, but I'm on a mission.

"I'm putting myself, my business and my family on the line and I'm putting it on the line for Milton Keynes."

If stadiummk is granted the casino in Milton Keynes – the site is currently one of three in the running – then a leisure development would bring in further funds.

But the retail site remains the priority for Mr Winkelman, without it the stadium will stay at just over 20,000 seats and be underused.

And that is certainly not the result Mr Winkelman was after when he began the project all those years ago.

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Recycling pupils aiming to build bottle greenhouse

PUPILS at Queen Eleanor Primary School in Stony Stratford are busy collecting 1,500 plastic bottles to build their new greenhouse.

In collaboration with Stony in Bloom, the children are being taught about recycling and the greenhouse will be used to teach them more about growing things.

Pictured are Ruabia Tahir, Lara Gomes and Mason Patey

Village pub to close

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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A VILLAGE pub being forced to close at the end of the month is 'a sign of the times', according to its landlady.

And she is not alone – pubs across the city are fighting for survival and there are claims the culture of meeting up at your favourite watering hole is dying out.

Lisa Boustred, landlady of The White Hart in Stoke Goldington, will be ringing the bell for last orders for the final time on Monday, February 28.

She said: "It's an end of an era really – when you drive around you can see how many pubs are up for sale or are vacant. People just don't have the money or the time any more. The local pub used to be a meeting place, but people's lifestyles have changed."

Mark Bryant, the owner of the Frog and Nightgown pub and Swan Revived Hotel in Newport Pagnell, agreed times are hard for pubs, especially in the town where there are plans for a Wetherspoons to open.

He said: "Pubs are having a terrible time at the moment.

"You could pick the most beautiful pub in the countryside to run, but you wouldn't earn a penny. Pubs everywhere are closing. Things have changed since the smoking ban – it really hit the pubs hard.

"People used to meet up in the pub and spend time with their mates. They'd only buy two pints but people just don't drink in the same way they used to."

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Computer wiz had a 'vast' porn horde

Suspended sentence for paedophile who had collected more than 50,000 indecent images of children

BY ADAM GRINSELL

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A COMPUTER software expert has avoided being sent to jail despite being caught with a huge horde of child pornography.

Robert Cooper, 39, from New Bradwell, admitted nine counts of making indecent images after police found he had downloaded 38,766 indecent images of children, and more than 12,000 moving clips of similar material.

At Aylesbury Crown Court on Friday, prosecutor Nigel Ogborne told the court police raided the home Cooper shared with his mother, entering his room and asking if he had anything he shouldn't have.

He immediately began to shake and confessed to downloading underage pornography.

He was arrested and his computer was seized and analysed.

None of the images were of level five, the most serious category, but seven of the moving images were at this level.

Bethan Charnley, defending, said she accepted Cooper's pornographic collection was vast.

She told the court he had not considered the implications of his actions and it was only after a discussion with her that it had dawned on him.

She said: "Bearing in mind the large number of images there are, they are nevertheless at the low end."

Judge Christopher Tyrer handed him a one year prison sentence, suspended for two years, remarking it was the largest number of child porn film clips he had ever encountered.

While serving his suspended sentence Cooper will be subject to supervision by the Probation Service.

He was also placed on the Sex Offenders' Register and made subject to a Sex Offenders' Prevention Order to ensure he poses no risk to children.

He must also pay £450 towards the prosecution's costs.

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Store plans could see adult centre go

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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THERE are fears a town may lose its adult education centre if plans to replace its only supermarket are given the go-ahead.

But Milton Keynes Council says it has plans to relocate the Stony Stratford Adult Continuing Education (ACE) branch elsewhere in the town.

A planning application has been submitted to the council by C B Richard Ellis Investors to develop the Budgens site in Cofferidge Close. The proposal means the town would not have a supermarket for a year and have 60 fewer parking spaces while the site is developed. The ACE unit would also have to be demolished.

Councillor Philip Warton said: "Stony Stratford is being disproportionately hard hit at the moment. We are losing our dementia home and now our supermarket for 12 months and probably our adult education centre. We will also lose car parking spaces during the time of the development.

> Stony Stratford is being disproportionately hard hit at the moment
>
> **– Stony Stratford ward councillor Philip Warton**

"It is not a problem for the more able-bodied, but older people may struggle.

There are rumours a Waitrose store could replace Budgens, which is moving out at the end of its lease in 18 months.

A council spokesman said: "The base at Cofferidge is the administration centre for ACE staff and has also been involved as a venue for ACE courses.

"We have moved a lot of our administration to West Bletchley last month and our aim is to continue to use local venues in Stony Stratford as centres for our excellent ACE courses that we know the local community value so much."

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Homes go cheep on Railway Walk

SOME new residents will be moving into the city thanks to volunteer families.

On Friday, six new homes became available along the Railway Walk in Bradville for small birds like blue tits and sparrows, which were built by children and hung by their dads.

The event was part of the Railway Walk Experience Project, which has been awarded £65,000 by Waste Recycling Environmental Limited (WREN) to improve the walk, from Wolverton to Newport Pagnell.

Peter Cox, managing director of WREN, said: "The Railway Walk continues to run fantastic activities and opportunities which encourage the involvement of local residents and we're delighted to have supported this successful project."

For more information on this project, contact 01296 330033 or 07801 686027, or visit rwe@btcv.org.uk.

Max Tarabbia hanging up a bird box that was made by himself and his four-year-old daughter Isabel.

Cuts to arts liked least in budget consultation

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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HUNDREDS of residents have given their views on Milton Keynes Council's proposals to shave millions of pounds from its budget.

After plans to save more than £31million were announced in December, the public were asked to give their views in a consultation, which ended on Friday.

Since then, all 371 replies have been collated and will be taken into account when the budget is finally given the green light on February 22.

Most respondents, 103, disagreed with reductions in grants to culture, arts and heritage, with some specifically raising concerns about the City Orchestra and what would happen to the status of the city as a 'cultural hub' if this money was taken out.

There were 70 comments about the proposals in general, which included some who were dissatisfied with spending money on the redevelopment of Station Square.

Sixty-four people disagreed with sports funding grants reductions, with worries about mental and physical wellbeing of residents, obesity in children and increased crime.

Other concerns raised included more reliance on the voluntary sector, reduction in bus route subsidies and maintenance of the Connexions service.

Of the 242 suggesting savings, most said there were too many departments, managers and officers delivering similar work within the council, so suggested a reduction in staff.

Twenty-two were in favour of reducing levels of street lighting and 15 suggested cutting or removing expenses payments to councillors and staff.

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Royal Mail learns Brinklow lessons

Bletchley and Kiln Farm next in line for modernisation

THE city council's boss is being urged to write to Royal Mail to ensure the problems experienced recently are not repeated.

Between November and January, Milton Keynes residents served by the Brinklow sorting office were getting late mail and had post go missing, leading to problems such as missed hospital appointments.

This was blamed on adverse weather conditions, combined with modernisation taking place at the sorting office.

Walton Park councillor Vanessa McPake has urged the council's chief executive, David Hill, to write to Royal Mail bosses to ensure the problems don't reoccur when the modernisation is introduced at the city's two other sorting offices in Bletchley, in the spring, and Kiln Farm in the summer.

Cllr Vanessa McPake wants council chief to write to Royal Mail bosses seeking assurances

She says she has had lots of residents complaining to her and has been trying to seek assurances from Royal Mail bosses.

She said: "Everybody is really annoyed with this and they want to know how the service will be returned to normal and that they won't have the same problems when the other offices are moved on to the new systems."

A Royal Mail spokesman said: "Royal Mail worked hard to resolve issues which arose when the changes were made to the local working practices in Brinklow and apologises to any customers who experienced delays in receiving their mail.

"The operational changes will be rolled out to Kiln Farm and Bletchley later this year and the lessons learnt from Brinklow will be implemented to ensure disruption to customers is kept to an absolute minimum."

Westcroft woman has chance of TV recipe fame

THE UK's tastiest meat-free dish could be from Milton Keynes.

Heather Allford, 21, from Westcroft, is one of ten finalists shortlisted for a national competition with her green macaroni and cheese dish.

Her creation and the other nine will be tasted by a Linda McCartney Foods panel tomorrow, with three finalists selected.

A mini documentary of each finalist creating their dish will be made to be aired on ITV's This Morning between April 5 and 11.

The winner will then be chosen by the public and announced on April 11, with the top meal forming the basis of a new product that will hit shelves in September.

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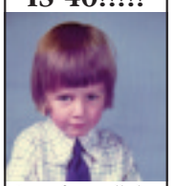

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Grateful thanks to
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Jean will be sadly missed

KENNETH PARKER

Jean and family wish to thank all relatives and friends who attended Kens funeral service and for their cards, messages of sympathy and generous donations to Parkinsons UK in memory of Ken, who will be sadly missed by us all.
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We would also like to thank friends, neighbours, Pavenham residents and ex-colleagues who have offered sympathy, support and attended the service.
A special thank you to
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The donations for the Alzheimer's Society are much appreciated.

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Anne, Mandy, Claire and their families.

RENE HAINES

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Always in our thoughts and sadly missed.
Love you from
Pete, Richard, David and Steven x

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05.02.04
Seven years without you. The time goes so fast. Still miss and love you so.
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Deaf and disabled kids take film to Parliament

DEAF and disabled young people took a campaign to Parliament yesterday.

The group from Inter-Action MK, an arts centre which helps artists collaborate with the community, feels Milton Keynes is more accessible than other places in the country, with in-built ramps, low-rise kerbs and a one-level shopping centre.

As part of the national Campaign! project, which is bringing disabled young people together to raise awareness of their issues, they wanted to tell decision makers that, while they appreciate what was done when the city was first designed, they think 'access is more than buildings and ramps'.

They made a film about their feelings and opinions, which they presented to a panel of MPs and peers, including Iain Stewart, MP for Milton Keynes South. Their message was one of changing attitudes and increasing awareness of the needs of people who are deaf or have a hidden disability.

Inter-Action MK director Sharon Paulger said: "This is a great opportunity for young people in Milton Keynes to get their voices heard by people who make decisions."

Work on the film started in January, with a songwriter and a filmmaker creating and recording lyrics, signs and images to help them communicate their ideas.

Raising awareness of the issues faced by young deaf and disabled people were, from left, George Chapman, Lauren Brucass and Ciara Crowsley-Ward

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Meeting on nursery

PARENTS and council staff met last night to discuss the future of Russell Street Day Nursery in Stony Stratford.

At a demonstration outside the council offices on Friday, more than 30 people turned up to show their anger at plans to close the nursery.

Pedestrian killed

A MAN was killed after being hit by a Ford KA as he crossed a road on Friday.

Alan Stratford, 30, of Bletchley, was hit on the V4 Watling Street near Granby at around 5.45pm.

He was taken to Milton Keynes Hospital where he later died.

Car theft charge

A TEENAGER will be appear at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court on Monday in connection with the theft of a car.

Neal Lambert, 18, of Conniburrow Boulevard, Conniburrow, has been charged with the theft in Two Mile Ash on January 25.

Ambulance change

THE South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS) may become a foundation trust, allowing it to be more community-focused.

The SCAS is also asking for residents to become trust members. A consultation meeting will take place tonight at 7pm in the Civic Offices.

Friend's kidney gift on St Valentine's Day

A DANCE instructor is repaying her childhood teacher with a special St Valentine's gift.

When Sharon McMurray, 39, started taking dance lessons in Luton in 1983, she met teacher Tracey Aspin.

Since then they have been friends, with Tracey training Sharon in teaching and even giving her a job as an instructor at her Milton Keynes-based Tracey's Dance Zone.

But last year, Tracey, 53, from Shenley Brook End, developed serious problems with her kidneys after suffering from lupus – an incurable immune system illness – since childhood and is now on dialysis three times a week.

After discovering Tracey's sons could not donate a kidney, Sharon decided to see if she could help her old friend.

Sharon said: "We knew we were the same A-negative blood group because we have been friends for so long and when we went to our dance teaching congress she was telling me how disappointed she was, so I said I would go and get tested and it's snowballed from there."

Their operations are now set for Monday – St Valentine's Day.

Sharon, from Towcester, added: "I'm very excited, I don't feel nervous or scared. We haven't really spoken in depth, we are both quite emotional people so I think we'll talk about it lots after it's happened."

Sharon McMurray, left, is due to donate a kidney to her friend and dance teacher Tracey Aspin

Tracey said her family are grateful to Sharon.

"Lots of people say they will see if they are matches, but Sharon was adamant she would do it," she added.

"She's just an amazing person. I haven't had a life in the last year and she's giving it back."

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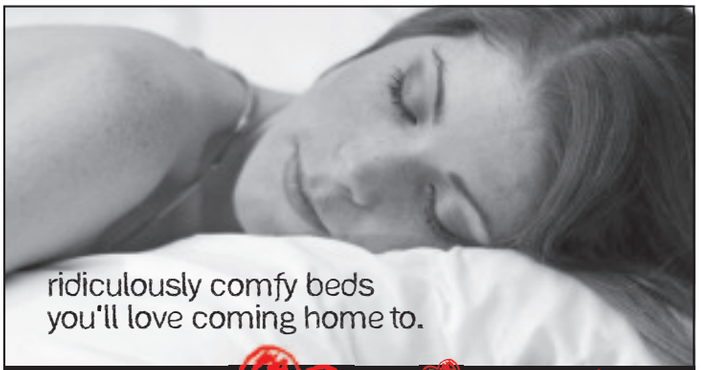

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‘Hotline’ will point to appropriate treatment

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A NEW telephone hotline could help reduce the number of people needlessly admitted to A&E.

An estimated 20 per cent of people visit the department at Milton Keynes Hospital with conditions that could be treated elsewhere.

In an attempt to reduce this number, Milton Keynes Urgent Care Services is now running a telephone response service for people to call for advice on where to go for treatment.

When called, details will be taken before you are called back by a nurse who will make a more detailed assessment. If further care is needed they will direct you to the most appropriate place.

Many people will be advised to treat themselves at home, which will save unnecessary trips. Many problems can also safely wait overnight or over the weekend.

You may also be referred to a local pharmasist, which all now have confidential consulting areas and can advise on symptoms such as diarrhoea, headaches, minor infections and travel.

If your call is in-hours, you may be referred to your GP.

If the doctor or nurse would like to see you to assess you further, you will be asked to attend the Urgent Care Centre (formerly the Walk in Centre) on the hospital campus.

Heather Wicks, programme director at NHS Milton Keynes, said: “Directing people to the right service will also help staff in the Urgent Care Centre and A&E look after the people who really need their help. Of course, anyone who genuinely needs emergency care should still go to A&E.”

The phoneline, 01908 201022, is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Sky’s the limit for clothes designer

A FORMER Denbigh student has been asked to design a clothing range for a TV dance star.

Omar Ahmed, 22, from Shenley Brook End, *pictured*, has been commissioned to design outfits for Akai – winner of Sky One’s Got To Dance.

The clothes will form Akai’s new clothing collection being launched this spring. He will also wear one of Omar’s outfits in the upcoming film Horrid Henry 3D.

Omar, who is also a founder of Britain’s Got Talent dance crew Nemesis, said: “I had the choice of going on Britain’s Got Talent or to Chelsea Art School and decided art was what I wanted to do.

“I went to East London University to study graphic arts and print making and began customising clothing for dance groups. I then began designing clothes for corporate companies and now for Sky One.

“And I’ve been short-listed in a competition for global clothing brand Uniqlo. If I get into the top 20 I will have my clothes sold worldwide.

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Red Hot World Buffet is one of the city's most popular restaurants, serving around 5,000 customers a week. Reporter KIRSTEN RAWLINS visited the venue to see what goes on behind the scenes and how food is prepared on such a great scale.

Red Hot World's catering boss Arvinder Banga supervises as reporter Kirsten Rawlins tries her hand at making desserts

WHEN you enter Red Hot World Buffet, or certainly when I do, the only things on my mind are 'Are we going to get a table, it's incredibly busy?' and 'What shall I eat. There's so much choice, I couldn't possibly manage everything – could I?'

I never consider the sheer amount of work that it must take to prepare such a mass of food to feed such a huge number of people – on a Saturday night customers can be seen queueing all the way out of the doors and onto the street of the Theatre District.

So to find out for myself how much it takes to create the kind of set-up they have there, I went along at 10.30am on Wednesday last week.

I was surprised to see people were already behind counters cooking and preparing food so early in the day. But they have to, as all the food is freshly prepared and served at its prime. Besides that, the place was close to half full by 12.30pm.

The head of catering for all five branches in the UK, Arvinder Banga, showed me around the restaurant and through into the back where there was a mass of people coming and going, cooking with the biggest pans I've ever seen.

He told me: "We do our utmost to please our guests. Guests, not customers – they pay our wages. And each one of the staff is as valued as the next, they're all important – if we have no plates, we have nothing to serve our food on."

And with an attitude like that, who can fault them?

Marketing manager, Steven Dryden, added the restaurant had not been affected by the recession.

He said: "We're in a recession where places are closing down, but we're expanding. People believe in our brand. On a Saturday we get an average of 1,300 customers."

And it's no wonder really. The place is nice – understated really. It serves fresh food, at cheap prices, and offers more or less everything other places do – all under one roof, from Thai and Chinese, to Indian, Italian, Japanese and Mexican.

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Over to you: Former England fast bowler Devon Malcolm with Marilyn Fry, Carole Garner and Derrin Gill from The Lady Taveners and some of the pupils from Slated Row School who will benefit from the new minibus

Fantastic delivery by England bowler

A FORMER England cricketer attended a special school on Friday for the presentation of a new minibus.

Fast bowler, Devon Malcolm, visited Slated Row School in Old Wolverton, where a wheelchair-accessible minibus was donated.

The school caters for 170 pupils aged four to 19, who have wide-ranging disabilities.

Devon attended the school with representatives from The Lord's Taverners, one of the UK's leading youth sports and disability charities.

He said: "I'm a great supporter of The Lord's Taverners charity and have been for many years.

"It's great to see the tremendous amount of work that's been put in by The Lady Taverners – fundraising arm of The Lord's Taverners. They give people less fortunate than ourselves, like these kids, a chance.

"The children here are fantastic. You can really see the school is fantastically run and to run an establishment like this you need to have somebody good at the top. The kids are all happy - I know they'll look after their bus."

The minibus donation was possible thanks to the fundraising efforts of long-term Lord's Taverners supporters Geoff and Fiona Squire, while additional funds were raised last year by The Lady Taverners' Build a Bus auction, where guests at various fundraising events were invited to buy parts of a minibus.

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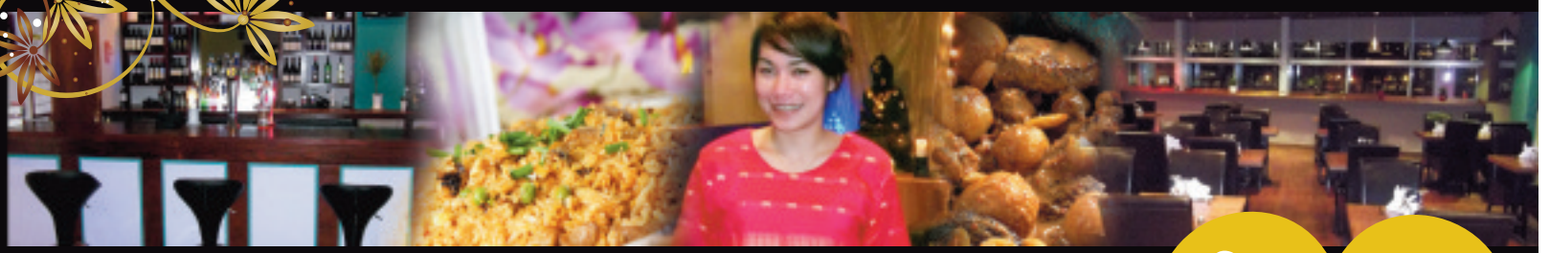

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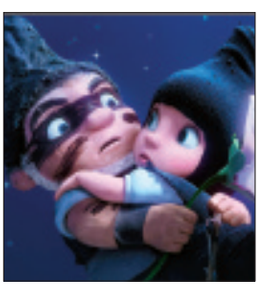

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The fact that you've just seen one should give you an idea as to how far I've had to hold myself back.

So, where to start.

Well, the tune's been decimated, which basically means that at least 10 per cent of the original running time has been binned, namely the instrumental bits.

That's a shame really, because Duran Duran were quite good at their instrumental bits back in the day.

Rio changed tack completely for a while at the halfway point and Girls On Film also had a decent mid-section, but no, it had to go in order to bring the song down to a much more radio-friendly 2.45 – if only there was a station willing to playlist this.

If the tune's butchery wasn't enough, we then come to the singing.

The good news is that I don't believe for one second that AutoTune was used on the singer's voice.

The bad news is that I don't believe for one second that AutoTune was used on the singer's voice.

She's not the greatest singer in the world, but the biggest problem is that the song is loud and powerful and her voice is neither.

Give her a slower song or something better suited to her vocal range and she'd probably do alright, but here it just sounds like karaoke.

It's a bit like giving Moon River to Shaun Ryder – it's never going to work.

TONIGHT
Danny Byrd

THERE'S an awful lot going on with this song.

Tons of bleeps, a regulation-issue drum'n'bass beat, a bit of piano in the middle and a singer whose voice has been processed so heavily he now sounds as though he was recorded singing at the bottom of a well, then AutoTuned within an inch of his life and then finally, after all that, his contribution's been chopped up and sprinkled on top of the music.

Don't get me wrong, the end result is remarkably chipper given everything that's been used to make it, but for some reason it doesn't stand out.

Perhaps it just sounds that little bit too samey and commercial, I dunno, but I have a feeling that this time tomorrow, I'll have forgotten this song even exists.

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OLA ONABULE
Sunday, February 13, 8pm
SOULFUL singer Ola Onabule's seventh album, Seven Shades Darker, has just been released solidifying his growing reputation as one of the finest singer-songwriters.
Tickets £15

EMILY SMITH
Wednesday, February 16, 8pm
EMILY Smith is a leading light of the contemporary Scottish folk scene, adept at presenting fresh and evocative interpretations of traditional songs.
Tickets £12.50

SCREAMING BLUE MURDER
Wednesday, February 16, 8.45pm
COMPERE Andrew Bird introduces rising comedy star Kent Valentine and headliner Susan Murray. Suitable for those aged 16-plus.
Tickets £10 in advance, £12 on the door.

GYLES BRANDRETH: THE ONE-TO-ONE SHOW
Thursday, February 17, 8pm
GYLES Brandreth, actor, author, One Show reporter, former MP and government whip turns stand-up. This is Brandreth unleashed on the stars he's known and the wicked ways of Westminster. Suitable for age 16-plus.
Tickets £16

MICHAEL ROACH
Thursday, February 17, 8.45pm
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MICHAEL Roach sings and plays guitar in an East Coast style of blues that dates back to the 1920s. He interacts with his audience and entertains as he plays.
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SHOWADDYWADDY
Friday, February 18, 8pm
FORMED in 1973, Showaddywaddy got their lucky break on TV talent show New Faces and the rest, as they say, is history. Their first single Hey Rock 'n' Roll went to number two , followed by another 22 UK chart hits.
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Saturday, February 19, 8pm
RENOWNED for an action-packed explosion of a show, Limehouse Lizzy keep the spirit of Celtic rock icons Philip Lynott and Thin Lizzy alive and well.
Tickets £17.50

TINA DICO: WELCOME BACK COLOUR TOUR
Sunday, February 20, 8pm
MULTIPLE platinum award winner and superstar singer-songwriter, also known for her work in the UK with Zero 7 tours, with her new album, Welcome Back Colour.
Tickets £14

LAU
Tuesday, February 22, 8pm
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Tickets £15

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Charles and Ruth Condomine played by Robert Bathurst and Hermione Norris

BLITHE SPIRIT

Monday-Saturday, February 14-19

THEATRE Royal Bath Productions have put together a heavenly cast for Noel Coward's most enduringly popular comedy Blithe Spirit.

Alison Steadman, one of the countries best loved actresses, will be appearing as the eccentric medium Madame Arcati.

Joining her as haunted husband and wife Charles and Ruth Condomine are Robert Bathurst and Hermione Norris, who starred together in the hugely popular comedy drama Cold Feet, with Ruthie Henshall appearing as the vengeful spirit of Charles' ex-wife Elvira.

Novelist Charles and his second wife, Ruth, are literally haunted by a past relationship when an eccentric medium manages to conjure up the ghost of Charles' neurotic first wife, Elvira, at a seance.

Blithe Spirit opened in 1941 when it played for more than 2,000 performances and has been one of the world's favourite comedies ever since.

Its razor-sharp wit and wonderful characters have ensured its reputation as Coward's finest work.

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ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Sunday, February 20, 2.30pm

THE scene is set, in this Neil Duffield adaptation of the Lewis Carroll classic, long ago on a golden afternoon in the city of dreaming spires when a boat sets out along the Thames on a trip to Wonderland.

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TASTE LIFE

CALCUTTA BRASSERIE

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FOR those who thought an Indian meal was grabbing a bite after an evening out, then think again.

At the Calcutta Brasserie dining out is an event in itself and for St Valentine's Day it will be even more special.

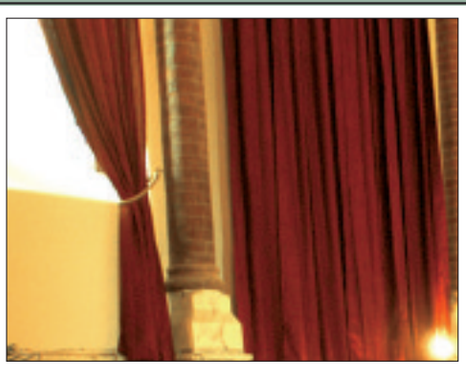
The surroundings of the former chapel building on the site of the old Franciscan School in Stony Stratford makes for a splendid night out.

For February 14 the team at Calcutta Brasserie has devised an evening to remember with some special St Valentine's Fayre.

Taking the opportunity to try out the menu, my partner and I soaked up the lush surroundings as we nibbled on a selection of salads and pickles with our opening poppadoms.

A sharing platter of starters with achari chicken tikka, made with East Anglian chicken, gilafi sheek kebab and panneer tikka kali mirch, an Indian cottage cheese that is grilled, the portions were generous and came with onion garam pakora and trimmings.

The special selection of mains include lamb shank nentara, slow cooked with tarragon and daab chingri, a Bengali style of king prawns cooked with coconut milk, chillies and ginger. For a vegetarian option you could pick vegetarian thaali with panneer makhni, subzi milloni and tarka daal.



The Calcutta Brasserie in the former chapel building on the site of the old Franciscan School in Stony Stratford

I decided on nuraani murgh, a chicken dish stuffed with mushrooms, cheese and vegetables oven baked with a mace-laced sauce which liberated the full flavours.

My partner plumped for butter chicken cooked in a tomato sauce with fenugreek, a mild dish that allowed the meat to take centre stage while offering the slightest hint of spice. The main courses came served with rice, naan bread and aloo matter.

A choice between a mixture of Indian sweets or a mango kulfi rounded of the meal.

On St Valentine's evening live music will enhance the atmosphere in one of Milton Keynes' top dining venues.

The St Valentine's Fayre menu costs £24.95 each and includes a Champagne reception.

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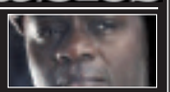

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A leading light of the contemporary Scottish folk scene, Emily joins us as she tours new album Traveller's Joy.
Tickets £12.50

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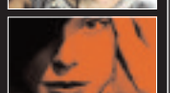

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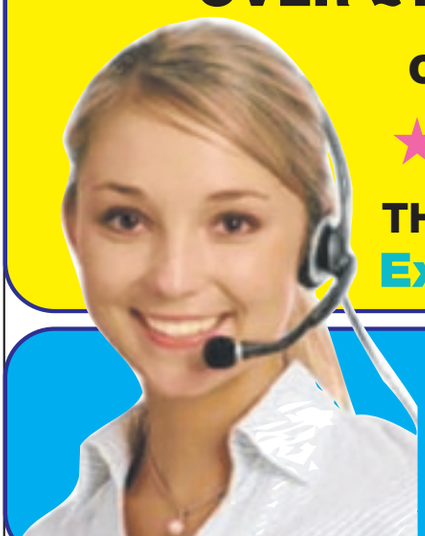

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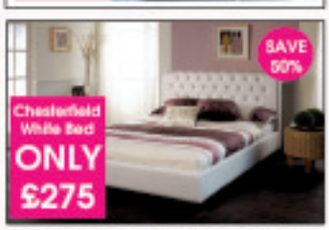

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PARK LIFE

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Drop in between these times and there'll be Parks Trust staff and volunteers on hand to talk about the many opportunities on offer.

While the trust already has more than 150 volunteers on its books, it currently needs to recruit helpers for several different roles.

You may have seen the What's On Guide for 2011, with details of the 200 or so events held in its parks over the year.

Many of these depend on volunteer support to help plan and run them.

This can entail everything from being a car park marshal, to helping with a guided walk or carving out pumpkins at Hallowe'en. It also needs to find more volunteers to help deliver its environmental education work, to help with administrative tasks in the office and also warden Stony Stratford nature reserve.

Martin Kincaid, volunteer co-ordinator at The Parks Trust, said: "We receive tremendous support from our loyal band of volunteers but we are always looking to recruit more. These opportunities offer people the chance to develop new skills and make new friends, as well as the experience of working in our beautiful parks."

To find out more about volunteering with The Parks Trust, e-mail Martin at m.kincaid@theparkstrust.com.

February is also half-term and if you'd like your children to experience some bracing outdoor fun there's some real treats lined up for the holiday.

On Tuesday, February 22 you are invited to have a Marvellous Muddy Adventure at Willen Lake. Wellies are essential as you'll be going on a muddy trail and getting creative with designing and painting an umbrella which you can take home. Tickets cost £5 per child.

Thursday, February 24 means Forest Fun and a chance to learn about the great outdoors from rangers in Hazeley Wood.

On Friday, February 25 there's limited places for over tens to learn survival techniques at the X-treme Survival Camp. The action, once again, takes place in Hazeley Wood. Tickets are pocket-money priced for both events at £3 per child.

Holiday events are always extremely popular and booking is essential, so be quick to reserve your places.

■ For more information call 01908 255379, check out www.theparkstrust.com, or e-mail events@theparkstrust.com.

COMPETITION

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IT'S Reactivate MK's Give it a Go Week to inspire you to get fit and healthy and to help you on your way, MK NEWS is giving away some prizes that will literally warm your heart by getting it fit and healthy.

Courtesy of Reactivate MK and Bletchley Leisure Centre, there are three, six-month gym memberships up for grabs worth £244 each, plus five runner-up sporty goody bags worth £20.

The lucky winners can access a whole range of fantastic facilities at the Beaumonts Health Club at Bletchley Leisure Centre, which include a fitness studio with the latest Fitlinxx technology, dance studio, spinning studio, sauna and steam room, a 25-metre pool, badminton, squash and a multi-purpose sports hall. After exercise, you can relax for a coffee in the Beaumonts Cafe.

Reactivate Milton Keynes runs regular Give It A Go weeks, linking up with local fitness organisations to provide free and special offer sports sessions to try out.

Their aim is to inspire you to find a sport or fitness activity you like. There's always a wide range of indoor and outdoor activities on offer, from gentle exercise to high-energy action.

See www.reactivatebucks.org/miltonkeynes for the area's most comprehensive list of sports and fitness activities and events taking place, or call 01908 254456.

Also look out for Return to Sport courses being launched soon to help people get back into a sport they once loved.

There's something for everyone regardless of age, fitness level or ability.

For more information about Bletchley Leisure Centre, go to www.hertsmereleisure.co.uk.

HOW TO ENTER

TO BE in with a chance of winning a gym membership or goody bag, just answer the following question:

In which sport would you use a shuttlecock?

Answers complete with name, address and daytime telephone number should be sent to competitions@mk-news.co.uk.

Editor's decision is final.
Closing date February 15.

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GNOMEO AND JULIET 3D (U)

James McAvoy, Julie Walters, Michael Caine

From Friday

TWO garden gnomes fall madly in love but they are from opposing gnome clans and their love is divided by a massive feud – and a huge fence. The red gnomes and blue gnomes have been enemies forever but that doesn't stop Gnomeo and Juliet continuing their romance in secret, with the help of friends.

TRUE GRIT (15)

Jeff Bridges, Josh Brolin, Hailee Steinfeld

From Friday

FOLLOWING the murder of her father, 14-year-old farm girl Mattie Ross hires the grizzled Marshall Reuben J 'Rooster' Cogburn to hunt down the killer in this remake of John Wayne's Oscar-winning classic.

NEVER LET ME GO (12)

Carey Mulligan, Keira Knightley, Andrew Garfield, Sally Hawkins

From Friday

KATHY, Tommy and Ruth are three children whose lives become inextricably intertwined after meeting at Hailsham, a seemingly idyllic boarding school in the English countryside. When they leave as young adults, they must come to terms with the sinister and haunting truth behind their existence and the love they feel for each other.

JUST GO WITH IT (PG)

Adam Sandler, Jennifer Aniston, Nicole Kidman

From Friday

DANNY Maccabee is a plastic surgeon who pretends he's unhappily married to pick up women. That is until he meets the beautiful Palmer. Unfortunately she finds his fake wedding band and calls everything off. His friend suggests he tells Palmer he's getting divorced but the web of lies soon untangles.

Gnomeo and Juliet

THE FIGHTER

Mark Wahlberg, Christian Bale, Amy Adams

Now showing

DICKIE is a drug-addled, washed-up boxer. He now trains his younger half-brother Mickey. But, after losing his last fight, Mickey decides to hang up his gloves. Then a pretty barmaid helps him step away from his destructive family and make a break for victory on his own.

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A LITTLE BIT OF HEAVEN

Kate Hudson, Gael Garcia Bernal, Kathy Bates

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MARLEY is a single girl through and through, she's never been a great believer in love and likes to keep things casual. But when she's diagnosed with cancer, she wonders if life is trying to tell her something.

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MK NEWS has teamed up with Cineworld at the Xscape to offer readers the chance to win a pair of tickets to see the film of their choice.

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Closing date Tuesday, February 15. Editor's decision final.

DAILY LIFE

THURSDAY

CHOCOLATES for St Valentine's Day - Frost Garden Centre, Woburn Sands, 10.30-11.30am. Chocolate expert Linney Lane will give a brief history of chocolate followed by a demonstration in the art of home-made chocolates, plus tasting. Contact www.frostsgroup.com, or 01908 583511.

SATURDAY

ALTERNATIVE Crafts and Vintage Fayre – St Valentine's special. York House Centre, London Road, Stony Stratford. Stalls include quality arts and crafts plus vintage items, natural beauty, crystals and alternative gifts. The Rawberry cafe will be serving vegetarian food. Free, plus free parking. 10am-4pm.

SUNDAY

ST VALENTINE'S Open Day at Hula Animal Rescue - bazaar, children's fun and games and home-made refreshments. Adults £2, accompanied children free. At Glebe Farm, Salford Road, Aspley Guise. 1-3.30pm.

MONDAY

LA DOLCE Vita Italian Market, Middleton Hall. Selection of breads, cheeses, olives, oils, cured meats and more.

TUESDAY

LECTURE on the non-native flora of SE England. Dr Mark Spencer of the Natural History Museum will highlight dramatic changes in the distribution of some of the alien plant species. Cruck Barn, Bradwell Abbey, 7.30pm.

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JEFFERY 52, white, 6ft 2ins, medium build, likes meals out, cinema, holidays, seeks single, genuine black female for 1-2-1 relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 0866 Box No: 348663**

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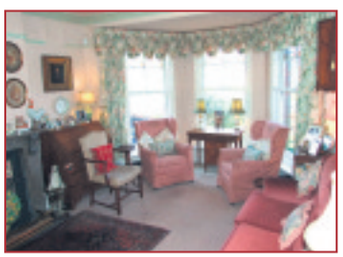

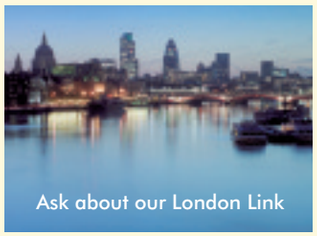

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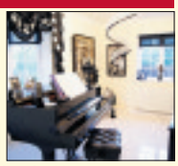
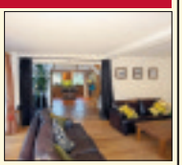
Broughton — O.I.E.O. £550,000



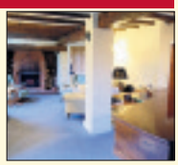
- 5 bedroom detached house
- Stunning kitchen/diner
- Two reception rooms
- 4 bath/shower rooms
- Rear garden has been beautifully landscaped
- Parking for approx 4/6 cars
- Detached double garage.

Leckhampstead — OIEO £700,000



- Perfect Country Location
- Approximately 4000sqft of Accommodation
- Five Bedrooms
- Four Reception Rooms
- Five Bathrooms
- Detached Garage
- Stunning Private Southerly Facing Gardens

Hartwell — £625,000



- Glorious Character Home
- Approximately 1/3 Acre Plot
- Four Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Large Private Rear Garden
- Electric Gated Access
- Ample Off Road Parking
- Offers Many Charming Features

Caldecotte — £425,000

- A very well presented four bedroom detached property
- Three reception rooms
- Three bathrooms
- Driveway providing ample parking
- Detached double garage
- Lovely rear garden
- Must be viewed to appreciate

Shenley Brook End — £399,950

- Four/Five Bedroom Detached
- Ensuite to Master Bedroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking and Garage
- Viewing Recommended

Crownhill — £350,000

- Five Double Bedroom
- Detached Property
- Three Reception Rooms
- Three Bathrooms
- Front & Rear Gardens
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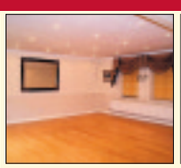
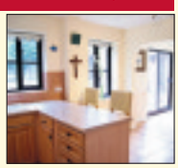
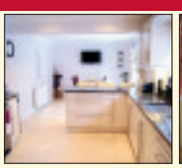
Kents Hill — £360,000

- Four Bedroom Detached
- Corner Plot
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Breakfast Room & 18ft Family Room
- Study & Utility Room
- En Suite to Master
- Front & Private Rear Gardens
- Double Garage

Two Mile Ash — £395,000



- 5 Bedrooms
- Detached Property
- Lounge
- Study
- Kitchen/Breakfast/Family Room
- Dressing Room & Ensuite
- Gardens
- Detached Double Garage

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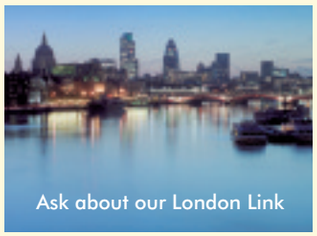

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Upper Harlestone £1,200,000

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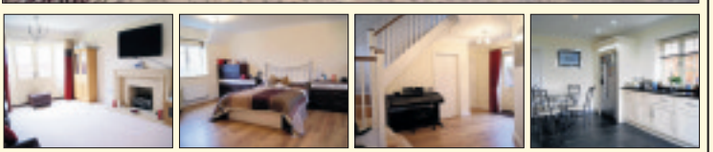
Hanslope £625,000

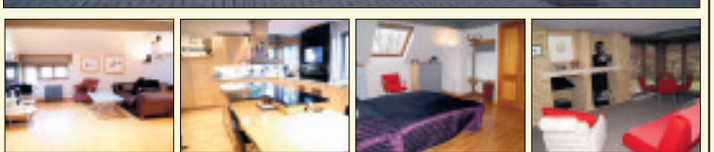


- Modern stone built detached home
- Five bedrooms • Two en suites • Three reception rooms
- Kitchen/breakfast room & utility
- Double garage • South Westerly facing garden
- Off road parking

Giffard Park £499,950

- This ideally located four double bedroom detached executive residence
- 4 reception rooms • Kitchen/breakfast • Master bedroom enjoying a dressing room and impressive en suite
- Large storage/hobby room currently used as 5th bedroom • Boasts a generous first floor balcony
- Enjoys a private block paved driveway with parking for numerous vehicles in front of the oversized detached double garage
- To the rear is a substantial patio area which runs the length of the rear garden opening onto the lawn.

Downhead Park £495,000



- 4 Bedroom Detached Property • 34ft Kitchen/Breakfast/Dining Room
- En Suite to Master • Landscaped Rear Garden
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- No Upper Chain

Great Holm £299,950

- Four Bedroom
- Spilt Level Detached
- En Suite to Master
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Parking & Garage
- No Upper Chain

Downhead Park £122,500

- Two Bedroom
- Ground Floor
- Apartment
- Open Plan Living Area
- Communal Gardens
- Viewing Recommended

Medbourne £169,950

- Three Bedroom Property
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Cloakroom
- Gardens to Front and Rear
- Garage
- No Upper Chain

Milton Keynes £69,000

- Two Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Communal Gardens
- Allocated Parking
- No Upper Chain
- 70% Share

Campbell Park £114,950

- 2 Bedroom
- Apartment
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- No Upper Chain

Monkston Park Offers Over £145,000

- Immaculate Condition
- Two Double Bedroom
- Top Floor Executive Apartment
- Double Glazing
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen/Diner
- Refitted Kitchen

Eaglestone £65,000

- Two Bedroom
- End of Terrace
- Double Glazing
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Roaf Parking
- Shared Ownership

Broughton OIEO £210,000

- Very Well Presented
- McCann Built Property
- Semi Detached
- En Suite to Master
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Parking & Garage

Aspley Guise £160,000

- Semi Detached
- Character Property
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Double Glazing
- Gas to Radiator Heating
- Original Features

Loughton £299,995

- Semi Detached Cottage
- Built Circa 1907
- Boasting Many Original Features
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Gardens & Parking

Downhead Park £85,000

- Well Presented Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Shared Ownership Scheme

Heelands £150,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Terrace Property
- Conservatory
- Shower Room
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

Great Holm £182,995

- Much Improved & Extended
- Three Bedroom Property
- Cul-de-sac Location
- 25ft Lounge/Diner
- 20ft Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Rear Garden & Parking

Bradville £125,000

- Three/four bedroom
- End of Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking

Central Milton Keynes £249,995

- Two Bedroom
- Spacious Apartment
- Central Location
- Underfloor Heating
- En Suite to Master
- Underground Parking

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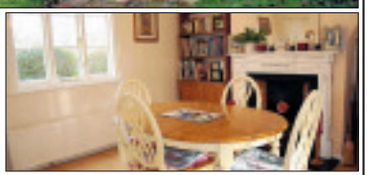
Walton Park £249,995

- Three Bedroom Detached
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Refitted Ensuite to Master
- Rear Garden, Garage and Driveway

Willen £350,000

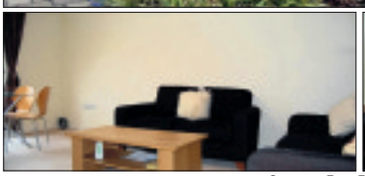


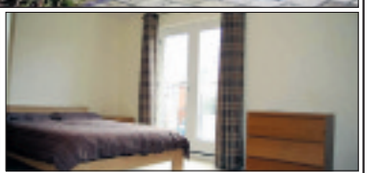
- Unique and Well Presented Three Bedroom
- Victorian Style Semi Detached
- Separate One Bedroom Detached Annex
- Large Front & Rear Gardens & Parking

Blakelands £274,995

- Spacious and Well Presented
- Four Bedroom Link Detached
- Ensuite To Master
- Gardens & Tandem Garage

Broughton £145,000





- Stunning First Floor Maisonette
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Kitchen with Integrated Appliances
- Garage & No Upper Chain

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Bradville £264,995

- Four Bedrooms
- Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Utility Room
- Ensuite to master
- Conservatory
- Rear Garden

Stony Stratford £164,950

- Three Bedrooms
- Semi Detached Property
- Off Road Parking
- Refitted Kitchen/Diner
- Double glazing (Were Specified)

Stony Stratford Guide Price £165,000

- Two/three bedroom
- Terraced character cottage
- Sought after area
- In need of updating
- Separate receptions
- Cottage Garden

Wolverton Guide £170,000

- Well Presented Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Refitted Shower Room
- Rear Garden
- Single Garage
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

New Bradwell OIEO £125,000

- Well Presented
- Two Bedrooms
- Victorian Mid Terrace Property
- Refitted Famiy Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens

Old Stratford Offers Over £200,000

- Semi Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Refitted Kitchen/Diner
- Ensuite
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Extended

Deanshanger £149,995

- Three Bedroom
- Semi Detached
- Gas Radiator Heating
- Double Length Garage
- Double Glazing
- Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Viewing Recommended

Wolverton £150,000

- Terraced House
- Two/Three Bedrooms
- Two/Three Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Utility Area
- Garden

Bancroft Park OIEO £215,000

- Three/Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Ensuite Bathroom
- Two Bathrooms
- Front & Rear Garden

Castlethorpe OIEO £100,000

- Well Presented
- One Bedroom
- Second Floor Flat
- Refitted Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom
- Viewing Recommended

Two Mile Ash £60,000

- Terraced House
- One Bedroom
- Refitted Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Garden
- 50% Shared Ownership

Greenleys OIEO £80,000

- Ground floor flat
- One bedroom
- Refitted kitchen
- Lounge/diner
- Bathroom
- Garden

Wolverton Guide £164,995

- Well Presented
- Three Bedroom
- Victorian Terrace
- Gas Radiator Heating
- Double Glazing (where specified)
- Viewing Recommended

Old Stratford Guide £220,000

- Three Bedroom
- Semi Detached
- Bungalow
- Conservatory
- Garage
- Gardens
- No Upper Chain

Two Mile Ash Guide £260,000

- Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Ensuite
- Garden
- Garage
- Off Road Parking
- Potential for Annexe

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Poets — Guide £160,000

•Semi Detached Property
•Corner Plot
•Three Bedrooms
•Front and Rear Gardens
•Driveway and Garage
•Double Glazing
•Gas Central Heating
•No Upper Chain

Bletchley — Guide £179,995

• End of Terrace
• Three Bedrooms
• Fully Fitted Kitchen
• Ensuite to Master Bedroom
• Allocated Parking
• Rear Garden

Fenny Stratford OIEO £90,000

• Victorian style
• Well presented
• Two bedroom
• End terrace property
• Double glazing
• Gas central heating
• Re-fitted bathroom

Bletchley Guide Price £170,000

•Semi Detached
•Three Bedrooms
•Conservatory
•Front and Rear Gardens
•Driveway and Detached Garage
•Double Glazing
•Gas Central Heating
•No Upper Chain

Public Notice

10 EMPINGHAM CLOSE BLETCHLEY BUCKINGHAMSHIRE MK2 3QT

We have recieved an offer of £110,000 on the above property.

Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the selling agent before an exchange of contracts takes place.

Bletchley — OIEO £95,000

•Well Presented and Spacious
•Ground Floor Flat
•Two Double Bedrooms
•Communal Area
•Viewing Recommended

Cottingham Grove Guide £225,000

• Extended Semi Detached
• Three Bedrooms
• Separate Reception Rooms
• Downstairs WC
• Refitted Bathroom
• Garden
• Off Road Parking

Bletchley Offers Over £144,000

• Ground Floor Apartment
• Two Bedrooms
• Double Glazing
• Lounge/Diner
• Ensuite to Master Bedroom
• Allocated Parking

Furzton — £229,995

• Detached
• Four Bedrooms
• Downstairs Cloakroom
• Separate Reception Rooms
• Conservatory
• Rear Garden
• Off Road Parking

Saints — £184,995

• Extended Semi Detached
• Three Bedrooms
• Downstairs Cloakroom
• Utility Room
• Front and Rear Gardens

Furzton — £115,000

• One Bedroom Bungalow
• Gardens
• Driveway Providing Off Road Parking
• Viewing Recommended
• No Upper Chain

Whalley Drive — £360,000

• Well Presented
• Detached Bungalow
• Three Bedrooms
• Heated Summer House
• Courtyard Garden With Jacuzzi
• Sauna Room
• Driveway
• Viewing Recommended

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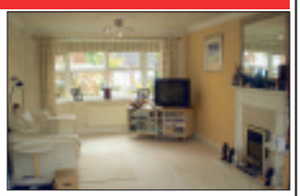
FINDER SERVICE

Mr R is urgently looking to buy a four bedroom detached property in Oxley Park. Can you help? Please call 01908 524456

Kingsmead £365,000



- Well Presented
- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Driveway and Double Garage
- Front and Rear Gardens

FINDER SERVICE

Mr C is urgently looking to buy a three bedroom semi detached property in Shenley Church End. Can you help? Please call 01908 524456

Emerson Valley £155,000

- Well Presented
- Two Bedroom Semi Detached
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway

Furzton £215,000

- Detached Three Bedroom Property
- En Suite to Master
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Single Garage

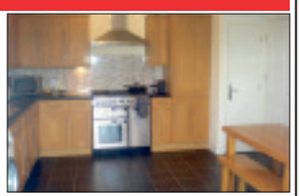
Oxley Park £235,000

- Four bedroom property
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Lounge/diner
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Master bedroom with dressing area and en suite
- Enclosed rear garden
- Garage and off road parking

Newton Longville £190,000

- Character Mid Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Garden

Oxley Park Guide Price £330,000



- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Three Bathrooms/Ensuites
- Rear Garden
- Driveway and Double Garage
- Internal Viewing Recommended

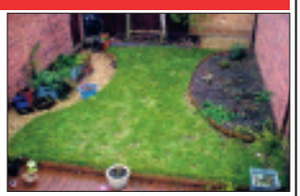
Medbourne £190,995

- Well Presented
- Executive Apartment
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Driveway and Garage

FINDER SERVICE

Mr and Mrs L are looking to buy a three bedroom detached property in the Shenley Brook End school catchment area. Can you help? Please call 01908 524456

Westcroft Offers In Excess Of £235,000



- Well Presented
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway and Garage

FINDER SERVICE

Miss M urgently requires a one bedroom house in Shenley Chuch End. Can you help? Please call 01908 524456

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Newport Pagnell £175,000

- Victorian Terrace
- Two/Three Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Refitted Kitchen
- Refitted En Suite
- Front and Rear Gardens

Newport Pagnell £170,000

- Terraced House
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Front and Rear Garden

Yardley Hastings Guide Price £130,000

- Well Presented
- Double Fronted
- Stone Built
- Character Cottage
- Refitted Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom
- Garden
- No Onward Chain

Lavendon £140,000

- Two Bedrooms
- Semi Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Front & Rear Garden

Newport Pagnell £215,000

- Four/Five Bedroom
- Semi Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking
- Integral Garage
- Rear Garden

Lavendon £350,000

- Character cottage
- Three double bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner with exposed beams and feature firplace
- Conservatory
- Kitchen and utility
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Rear garden with storage barn
- Horseshoe style driveway to front

Newport Pagnell £325,000

- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Refitted Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom
- Garden
- Outbuilding
- Garage

Two bedroom house in Poets Estate urgently required for our vendor Miss A. Who is sold subject to contract.

Bozeat Guide Price £180,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Detached
- Cloakroom
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens

Olney £159,995

- Mid Terrace
- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Refitted Bathroom
- Garden

Newport Pagnell £320,000

- Four Bedroom Detached
- Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Refitted Kitchen
- Dining Room/Family Room
- Utility Room
- Refitted Shower Room
- Refitted Bathroom

Newport Pagnell £140,000

- Two Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Apartment for the over 55'S
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Re Fitted Shower Room
- Rear Garden

Bozeat £190,000

- Four Bedrooms
- Semi Detached
- Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Conservatory
- En -Suite to master bedroom
- Front & Rear Gardens

Bozeat £285,000

- Well Presented
- Detached Property
- Recently Refurbished
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Gardens
- Driveway

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RARELY AVAILABLE APARTMENT £129,995

- 2 bedroom ground floor apartment
- Open plan kitchen/ living area
- Master bedroom has an ensuite
- Close to the train station
- Ready now
- Offers considered

REDUCED PRICE, READY TO MOVE INTO NOW £325,000

- Brand new detached 4 bedroom home
- Massive rooms, 2 en suites
- Rarely available
- Garage and driveway
- Access to Buckingham/ Milton Keynes excellent
- Show home condition

AMAZING REDUCTIONS £315,000

- 5 bedroom home
- Brand new detached house
- Kitchen has a feature island unit
- Garage and driveway
- Ideally located for Leighton Buzzard bypass

Location, Specification, Inspiration

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Set on this contemporary development opposite Walton Park, a range of 1 – 6 bedroom homes. Boasting above average levels of standard finishes. Together with an established area that we seldom see new homes available. Within walking distance of Walton High school, the open university and miles of walks at Caldecotte lake. Arrange to see the show homes and Milton Keynes best kept secret.

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- Traditional 4 bedroom home
- High specification throughout
- Double aspect lounge, separate family room
- Driveway and garage
- Master Bedroom has en suite
- Popular East Milton Keynes

GOOD SIZED PLOT £424,995

- 5 double bedrooms
- Ideal family home
- Double garage with its driveway
- Kitchen with full length glass wall onto the garden
- Situated in popular East Milton Keynes

STONE FINISHED 4 BED IN VILLAGE £319,995

- Traditional cottage style
- Double fronted detached home
- Double aspect lounge
- Drive with garage
- Located in popular Silverstone village

SPACIOUS CANAL SIDE HOME £149,950

- Ground floor luxury apartment
- 2 Double bedrooms
- Large living room with Juliet balcony
- Walking distance to town centre shops
- New showhome open

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SPANISH PROPERTIES:

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Woburn Sands

An immaculate three bedroom detached cottage rumoured to be the oldest surviving property on Aspley Hill. Many original features, double glazing, garden to rear and off street parking

£300,000

Woburn Sands

A four bedroom, two bathroom detached family home in Woburn Sands. Tastefully extended by the present owners and with planning consent for a further extension. Garage and off road parking.

£460,000

Aspley Guise

A mid Victorian four bedroom, two bathroom semi-detached house situated on an exclusive private lane in Aspley Guise. Many original features, large Upvc double glazed conservatory, detached double garage and mature gardens.

£675,000

Little Brickhill

An Edwardian two/three bedroom cottage with many lovely features and a private walled garden. Potential for improvement.

£174,995

Aspley Heath

A superb five bedroom detached Victorian house in an exclusive location close to the Aspley Heath Woods. Totally refurbished by the current owners to produce over 4500 square feet of flexible and interesting accommodation. A mature plot approaching half an acre.

£995,000

Woburn Sands

A four double bedroom, two bathroom detached bungalow situated close to Woburn Sands High Street. Mature and established gardens.

£465,000

VENDORS:

We have a long list of applicants looking for quality properties in the Aspley Guise/Woburn Sands/Wavendon area in all price ranges up to over £2million.
All viewings accompanied and we offer a simple agency agreement with no restrictive contracts or clauses.

PURCHASERS:

We have a number of interesting new properties coming onto the market in the next few weeks. Register now to get advance notice of new instructions.

Lower End Wavendon

A spectacular five bedroom, four bathroom detached house to be built mainly in stone on a mature plot of 0.39 of an acre. The specification will be as expected for a property of this quality. Detailed plans in office.

£1,250,000

Woburn Sands

A first floor two bedroom apartment in this popular warden assisted housing Scheme close to the centre of Woburn Sands. Communal Gardens. Parking. Needs some refurbishment but the price reflects this.

£109,995

Walnut Tree

An interesting fully detached house with a private landscaped garden and three parking spaces in this popular area of south Milton Keynes. Well worth viewing.

£160,000

Aspley Heath

An immaculate penthouse apartment in an exclusive gated complex on Aspley Heath. Three bedrooms, three bathrooms, stunning views and approximately five acres of secluded communal grounds.

£685,000

Woughton on the Green

An individual five bedroom, three bathroom property on a mature plot in this sought after area. Completely refurbished internally by the present owner.

£POA

Woburn Sands

A spacious and tastefully extended wide-fronted three storey townhouse. Boasting five bedrooms, three bathrooms and the bonus of a superb kitchen/utility/family room.

£425,000

Aspley Guise

A two bedroom Victorian mid terrace cottage 2 mins from Aspley Guise railway station. Offering much scope for improvement. An ideal first time or investment buy.

£185,000

Aspley Guise

A spectacular five bedroom, four bathroom detached house to be built to the highest standard on a mature plot of one third of an acre that backs onto Aspley Guise and Woburn Sands golf course. Luxury specification with completion scheduled for late 2011.

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If so - ask your current estate agent why?

They may offer you excuses like;

"The Credit crunch - People can't get mortgages- it wasn't really the right time to sell- we have potential applicants but they just aren't buying at the moment- the market is tough"

Well yes; the market is tough, and okay, mediocre agents are struggling to sell houses, however award winning estate agents like Goodchilds are still selling properties despite the credit crunch and we were still exchanging contracts for clients during the last week of Christmas.

Not only that, whilst over the past 2 years other agents have moaned, winged, scare mongered and hid behind the economic climate as a reason for their poor performance and their excuses for closing branches, shedding staff and cutting advertising - Goodchilds has opened new branches; year on year we have expanded in these testing times due to a fantastic team and the fact that we are selling houses and earning commission.

The Goodchilds Team Opening the New 2011 Telford Office

2011 is no different, Goodchilds once again open a new office which will be situated at 33 Church Street, Wellington, Telford. This branch will provide the high customer service level our clients have come to expect and also offers a Guarantee that if your house is on the market with another agent and we cannot sell it within 90 days - we will pay you £250 when we do (terms and conditions apply).

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Finally, if your property has been on the market 'For Sale' with another agent for more than 90 days or your are thinking of moving and want a free, no obligation valuation then call your local office **01908 933766**

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- Three Bedroom House
- Garage & Driveway
- NO CHAIN

£174,950

Brent
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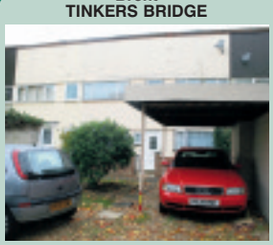


- 4 Bedroom House
- Refurbished Kitchen & Bathroom
- 2 Reception Rooms

£124,995

Plewse Close
KENSWORTH

- Two Beroom Flat
- Living/Dining Room
- Ground Floor, acces to Gardens

£118,500

Old Groveway
SIMPSON

- 1 Bedroom House
- Open Plan Living/Kitchen
- Rear Courtyard Garden

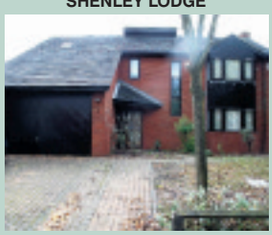
£100,000

The Mount
SIMPSON

- Two Bedroom Flat
- Over 55's
- Overlooks Canal

£99,950

Cadman Square
SHENLEY LODGE



- Four Bedroom House
- Three Reception Rooms
- Bathroom, 2 En Suites & Sauna

£1,400 pcm

Clifton Moor
OAKHILL

- 4 Bedroom House
- Bathroom & En Suite
- Garage & Gardens

£1,250 pcm

Greenhill Close
LOUGHTON

- Four Bedroom House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Driveway & Gardens

£945 pcm

Mursley Close
GALLEY HILL

- Three Bedroom House
- NEWLY REFURBISHED
- Two Reception Rooms

£750 pcm

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HODGE LEA

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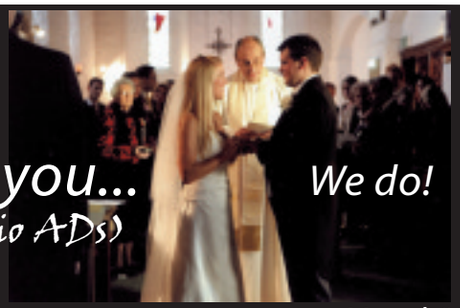

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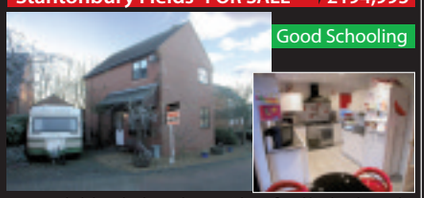

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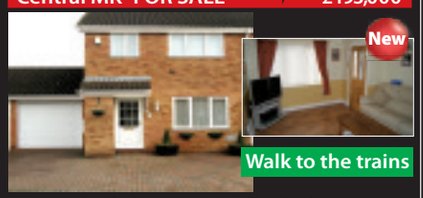

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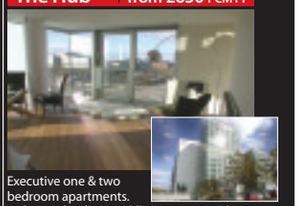

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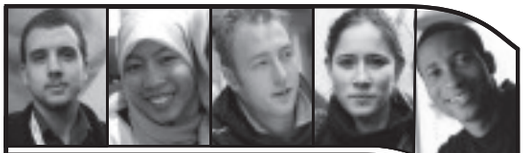

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Closing Date: Friday 18th February 2011

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)

(CHURCH ROAD, STUDHAM)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

Central Bedfordshire

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Bedfordshire Council has made an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle, except a vehicle being used for fire, police or ambulance purposes in an emergency, from proceeding along that length of Church Road, Studham which extends from Kensworth Road to Valley Road.

This temporary closure is required to enable resurfacing works to take place and shall apply to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by the appropriate traffic signs. Where possible access will be maintained to property and premises but may be restricted from time to time according to local signing.

It is expected that the works will take place over SIX DAYS from Monday 14th February to Saturday 19th February 2011 between 9.00am and 3.30pm. Specific dates will be advertised locally closer to the time.

The alternative routes available for vehicles affected by the proposed Order are:-

Proceed on Valley Rd to Common Rd, turn left and continue to Clements End Rd, turn left and continue to Church Rd and site, and vice versa.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 14th February 2011 for a period of four months or until the proposed works have been completed, *as detailed above,* whichever is the earlier.

For further information please contact Central Bedfordshire Highways, Tel. 0300 300 8049.

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO PROHIBIT ALL VEHICLES (EXCEPT BUSES AND CYCLES) FROM ENTERING OR PROCEEDING IN AN AREA OF CARRIAGEWAY (TO BE KNOWN AS "THE BUS LANE") IN A LENGTH OF A505 CHURCH STREET, DUNSTABLE AT ANY TIME

Reason for proposal: The proposed Order is considered necessary to reduce delays to buses and provide a more reliable service. Pedal cycles would also be able to use the bus lane, thereby promoting road safety for cyclists. Therefore, Central Bedfordshire Council proposes to make a Traffic Regulation Order as follows:

Effect of the Order:

To prohibit all vehicles (except buses and cycles) from entering or proceeding in an area of carriageway (to be known as "the bus lane") in a length of A505 Church Street, Dunstable at any time as follows:

The nearside lane on the northern side of the A505 Church Street, Dunstable from The Quadrant car park access road eastwards to a point approximately 48 metres east of Dukeminster Way, a total length of approximately 482 metres.

The prohibitions will not apply to:

(a) a local bus, a scheduled express carriage, a works bus and a school bus; or

(b) a coach (a vehicle constructed or adapted to carry 8 or more passengers); or

(c) a vehicle which is constructed or adapted for the carriage of disabled persons and those accompanying them; or

(d) a pedal cycle; or

(e) a vehicle being used for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes if it is reasonably necessary for that vehicle to enter or proceed in the bus lane; or

(f) a vehicle being used in the service of a local authority for the purpose of collecting refuse from premises adjacent to the bus lane; or

(g) any vehicle operated by community transport; or

(h) any vehicle being used in connection with the following:

- (i) any building operation or demolition;
- (ii) the removal of any obstruction to traffic;
- (iii) the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of any road;
- (iv) the supply of gas, water or electricity;
- (v) the placing, maintenance or removal of any traffic sign; or
- (vi) any statutory powers or duties of a local authority.

Provided that in all the circumstances it is necessary for the vehicle to enter the bus lane;

(i) Any vehicle which enters or proceeds in the bus lane:

- (i) from a road which does not comprise the bus lane and forthwith leaves the bus lane through the gap in the single white line situated opposite and adjacent to the junction of that road with the bus lane, or if there is no such gap, at a point opposite that road;
- (ii) from an adjacent part of the road through any gap in the single white line and forthwith enters a road which lies opposite that gap;
- (iii) from any vehicular access way or crossing over the footway adjoining the bus lane and forthwith leaves the bus lane at a point opposite that vehicular access way or crossway;
- (iv) from an adjacent part of the road at a point opposite any vehicular access way or crossing over the footway adjoining the bus lane and forthwith enters that vehicular access way or crossing; or
- (v) the gaining of access or egress from off-street loading or garaging premises adjacent to or accessible only from the bus lane; or

(j) any vehicle if the driver thereof is obliged to enter or proceed in a bus lane in order to avoid an accident and forthwith causes that vehicle to leave the bus lane; or

(k) A vehicle:

- (i) while postal packets are being delivered to premises adjacent to the bus lane: or
- (ii) while postal packets are being collected from such premises or post office letter boxes adjacent to the bus lane; or

(l) Anything done:

- (i) with the permission or at the direction of a Constable in uniform or a traffic warden; or
- (ii) in accordance with any restriction or requirement indicated by traffic signs placed on the highway by or on behalf of Bedfordshire Police.

Further details: of the proposed Order, a plan and a statement of reasons for proposing to make this Order may be examined during normal office hours at Dunstable Library, Vernon Place, LU5 4HA. These details will be placed on deposit until 6 weeks after the Order is made or until it is decided not to continue with the proposal. Telephone Roger Frost, tel. 0845 3656117 or e-mail roger.frost@amey.co.uk for further advice on this proposal.

Objections: should be sent in writing to the Transportation Manager, Bedfordshire Highways, Woodlands Annexe, Manton Lane, Bedford, MK41 7NU, or email centralbedsconsultation@amey.co.uk, stating the grounds on which they are made by 4th March 2011.

Order Title: if made will be "Central Bedfordshire Council (A505 Church Street, Dunstable) (Reserved Bus Lane) Order 201*"

DATED 9th February 2011

Central Bedfordshire Council
Technology House, Ampthill Road
Bedford MK42 9BD

Basil Jackson
Assistant Director for Highways

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)

(TODDINGTON: PART OF FOOTPATH NO 35)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Central Bedfordshire Council have made an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any person proceeding on foot along the length of Footpath No 35, Toddington which extends from Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OS GR) TL 0193 2970 in a north westerly direction for approximately 319 metres to OS GR TL 0168 2990.

This temporary footpath closure is required to allow construction works to be carried out for the new Junction 12 of the M1. The closure is expected to take place from Monday 14 February 2011 for up to six months.

There is no alternative route for footpath users while the closure is in operation.

The Order will come into operation on 14 February 2011 for a period not exceeding six months or until the works which it is proposed to carry out on or near to the footpath have been completed, whichever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within six months the Order may be extended for a longer period with the consent of the Secretary of State for Transport.

For further information please contact Michelle Flynn, Central Bedfordshire Council, Tel: 0300 300 6072

Dated 9 February 2011

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David Leverington
Rights of Way Team Leader

Public Notices

LICENSING ACT 2003: VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE

Notice is hereby given that No Saints Ltd in respect of premises to be known as The Greene Room, 21 Savoy Crescent, Milton Keynes, MK9 3PU applied to Milton Keynes Council for a Variation of the Premises Licence.

The proposed variation is to remove condition 2.17 on the premises licence, to add a fire exit, to increase the viewing gallery and to change the internal layout of the premises in accordance with plans deposited in support of the application with the Licensing Authority.

Any representations by an interested party or responsible authority regarding the above-mentioned application must be received in writing by Licensing Officer, Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ no later than Saturday 5th March 2011, stating the grounds for objection.

The register of Milton Keynes Council and the record of the application may be inspected at the address of the council, given above, during normal business hours or on the council's website – www.miltonkeynes.gov.uk

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is £5,000.

No Saints, Second Floor, Seckloe House,
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LICENSING ACT 2003
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE/CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATE

NOTICE is hereby given that JEFF MOLONEY have applied to THE LICENSING AUTHORITY AT MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL for a PREMISES LICENCE at DUKE OF WELLINGTON, 61 WOLVERTON ROAD, STONY STRATFORD, MK11 1ED.

The following licensable activities are proposed during the following times:

To extend the hours permitted for sale of alcohol to 12:30am on Fridays, Saturdays, Christmas Eve and Boxing Day, Monday to Thursday 23:30.

Full details of the application can be viewed via The Licensing Register at the Civic Offices of the Council. This is accessible Mondays to Thursday between the hours 9am to 5pm, and Fridays 9am to 4pm (excluding bank holidays) or online at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/licensing.

Any interested party (such as a resident or local business) or responsible authority wishing to make representations either against or in support of the application must do so in writing by 2nd March 2011 to the following address: Licensing Team, Environment Directorate, Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ, 01908 252800, e-mail: licensing@milton-keynes.gov.uk.

Representations received in response to this review will ordinarily be made available for public inspection, including disclosure to the applicant and any relevant responsible authorities unless agreed otherwise. Representations must relate to one or more of the licensing objectives (namely crime and disorder, public nuisance, public safety, or protection of children from harm.) Individuals making a representation must live in the vicinity of the premise.

It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine of £5,000 is liable on summary conviction for the offence.

Dated this 3rd day of February 2011

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DRAINAGE RATES AND SPECIAL LEVIES
LAND DRAINAGE ACT 1991

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Mrs F C Bowler,
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TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 1995
PUBLIC NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8
and/or
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990
PUBLIC NOTICE UNDER SECTION 67 OR 73

The following applications for Planning Permission, Listed Building Consent and/or Conservation Area Consent have been received and may be inspected at Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, SG17 5TQ during normal office hours.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications should write to me at the above address quoting the application number/s, within 21 days of the date of publication of the notice. Comments should be restricted to valid planning considerations such as effect on amenity, privacy, noise, traffic, access etc. All letters received are open to public inspection and so cannot be treated in confidence. Most simple and straightforward applications are delegated to me to decide but, when the application is determined by the Council's Development Management Committee, you may make your views known by speaking at the Committee meeting. Should the application/s on which you wish to comment be one/s which will be determined by the Development Management Committee and if you wish to present your views in person to the Committee as well as in writing, please say so clearly in your representations and I will send you details of how to proceed as soon as the Committee date is known.

Assistant Director - Development Management **06 February 2011**

APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/00068/FULL Affects Right of Way / General Publicity
PROPOSAL:	Replacement of rear conservatory.
LOCATION:	20 Dunstable Road, Tilsworth, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 9PU
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/00084/LB Affects Listed Building or its Setting
PROPOSAL:	Listed Building Consent: New advertisement signage to replace existing. (Retrospective).
LOCATION:	11 Market Square, Toddington, Dunstable, LU5 6BP
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/00101/FULL Departure/ListedBuilding/ConservArea
PROPOSAL:	Installation of roof mounted Heat Inverter Pump and Heat Recovery Unit to the rear of the property
LOCATION:	36 36A High Street North, Dunstable, LU6 1LA
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/00102/LB Departure/ListedBuilding/ConservArea
PROPOSAL:	Installation of roof mounted Heat Inverter Pump and Heat Recovery Unit to the rear of the property
LOCATION:	36 36A High Street North, Dunstable, LU6 1LA
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/00116/FULL Affects Listed Building/Conserv. Area
PROPOSAL:	Internal alterations to create a bat roost
LOCATION:	Lane Farm, Sewell Lane, Sewell, Dunstable, LU6 1RP
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/00332/FULL ConservationArea/PublicRightOfWay
PROPOSAL:	The demolition of the existing St Mathews RC Church and erection of single storey bungalow. Resubmission of a previously refused application CB/10/03109.
LOCATION:	St Matthews Roman Catholic Church, Sharpenhoe Road, Barton le Clay, Bedford, MK45 4SD
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/00189/LB Affects Listed Building/Conserv. Area
PROPOSAL:	Alteration to create a bat roost
LOCATION:	Lane Farm, Sewell Lane, Sewell, Dunstable, LU6 1RP
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/00170/REN Major/GenPublicity/PublicRightOfWay
PROPOSAL:	Demolition of existing buildings and erection of mixed use development comprising 19 dwellings and ground floor commercial unit for A1/A2/A3/B1 use. (Vehicular access via Charity Wharf vacant development site to the South).(Application for a new planning permission to replace extant planning permission SB/TP/07/1407 to extend the time limit for implementation)
LOCATION:	Former Millers Dairy Site, 1 2 Leighton Road, Linslade
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/00270/FULL Affects Conservation Area
PROPOSAL:	Change of use of part of existing ground floor from Business Use (B1) to Residential Use (C3)
LOCATION:	125 High Street South, Dunstable, LU6 3SQ
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/00171/FULL Affects Right of Way / General Publicity
PROPOSAL:	Erection of side and rear extension and loft conversion
LOCATION:	6 Hawthorn Crescent, Caddington, Luton, LU1 4EQ
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/00288/FULL Affects Conservation Area
PROPOSAL:	Conversion of second floor to create three dwellings
LOCATION:	19 West Street, Dunstable, LU6 1SL

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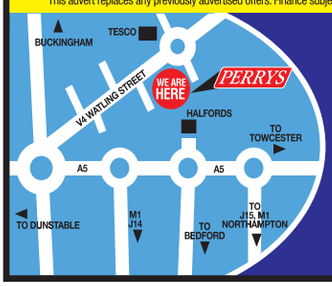

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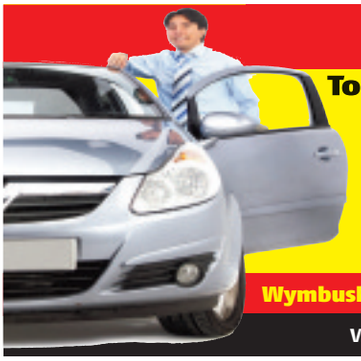

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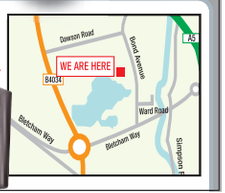

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DONS' SCORE FIRST

August

7	Walsall	A	2-1
10	Dag & Red H (Carling Cup)	H	2-1
21	Carlisle	A	1-4
24	Blackpool (Carling Cup)	H	4-3
28	Swindon	H	2-1

September

4	Hartlepool	H	1-0
11	Brighton	A	0-2
15	Southampton	H	2-0
18	Rochdale	H	1-1
21	Birmingham (Carling Cup)	A	1-3
25	Peterborough	A	1-2
28	Charlton	A	0-1

October

2	Colchester	H	1-1
5	Charlton (JPT)	H	1-2
9	Dag & Red	H	2-0
16	Bournemouth	A	2-3
23	Exeter	H	1-0
30	Tranmere	A	2-4

November

2	Yeovil	H	3-2
6	Stevenage (FAC)	A	0-0
13	Brentford	A	2-0
16	Stevenage (FAC) (Stevenage win 7-6 on penalties)	H	1-1
20	Sheff Wed	H	1-4
23	Huddersfield	A	1-4

December

11	Notts County	A	0-2
28	Bournemouth	H	2-0

January

1	Bristol Rovers	H	2-0
3	Yeovil	A	0-1
8	Exeter	A	1-1
15	Tranmere	H	2-0
18	Plymouth	H	1-3
22	Dag & Red	A	1-0
25	Leyton Orient	A	2-2

February

2	Bristol Rovers	A	2-1
5	Sheff Wed	A	2-2
12	Brentford	H	
15	Leyton Orient	H	
19	Hartlepool	A	
22	Oldham	H	
26	Brighton	H	

March

5	Rochdale	A
8	Charlton	H
12	Colchester	A
21	Peterborough	H
25	Walsall	H

April

2	Southampton	A
9	Carlisle	H
16	Swindon	A
22	Huddersfield	H
25	Plymouth	A
30	Notts County	H

May

7	Oldham	A

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MK Dons assistant manager JOHN GORMAN writes exclusively for MK NEWS every week

THE sacking culture in football is getting ridiculous.

Brentford, our opponents this weekend, sacked Andy Scott last week and on Monday they reached the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final with his team.

It's not just the manager that goes either, the assistant and first team coaches normally leave too.

Andy had a few bad results in the league, everyone has a dip in form, but Brentford have spent a lot of money this year.

Another manager to be sacked last weekend was Roberto Di Matteo which is another ridiculous decision.

As Di Matteo proved in his time here, he is a wonderful coach and manager who had West Brom playing some wonderful football.

Yes, they've lost a few but they're in the Premier League, of course they'll lose some. If it continues like this it makes me wonder whether Ian Holloway will be next? After all, like West Brom, everyone raves about the style of football they play and they are involved in some very entertaining games.

But they are also on a losing run at the moment.

There's a blame game in football and it almost seems fashionable to sack the manager.

On a different note, I thought we fully deserved the point, if not all three, from our draw with Sheffield Wednesday.

It is never easy playing with ten men - as Arsenal proved at the weekend - because the opposition are always going to be able to create a chance.

I thought they were fortunate not to have their goalkeeper Arron Jameson sent-off because I watched the Celtic-Rangers game the next day and Celtic had Fraser Forster sent-off for a foul that was almost identical.

I thought Keanu Marsh-Brown was excellent on his full debut, in fact I thought it was a great team performance. the boys at the back had to play like heroes - I don't think the fans could have asked for more from the team.

Even when we went down to ten men we still played good passing football and it was another positive performance.

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

			HOME					AWAY						
1	Brighton	27	9	4	0	28	9	6	4	4	20	12	27	53
2	Bournemouth	29	11	2	2	36	13	3	6	5	16	18	21	50
3	Huddersfield	28	9	3	3	24	12	6	1	6	24	21	15	49
4	Southampton	27	7	4	3	23	9	6	2	5	26	18	22	45
5	Charlton	26	7	3	3	16	15	5	5	3	27	20	8	44
6	Oldham	28	7	6	2	25	18	4	5	4	19	20	6	44
7	MK Dons	29	9	2	2	21	12	4	3	9	19	30	-2	44
8	Peterborough	27	10	2	3	45	32	3	2	7	15	23	5	43
9	Rochdale	27	4	6	2	19	15	5	5	5	18	17	5	38
10	Colchester	27	6	6	2	23	21	3	5	5	11	15	-2	38
11	Hartlepool	27	5	3	4	19	22	5	4	6	9	17	-11	37
12	Sheff Wed	27	6	5	3	22	13	4	1	8	21	24	6	36
13	Carlisle	26	6	5	4	25	18	3	3	5	12	13	6	35
14	Brentford	28	5	3	5	15	17	5	2	8	18	21	-5	35
15	Exeter	28	6	4	4	26	23	3	4	7	13	26	-10	35
16	Leyton Orient	26	6	4	2	21	12	2	6	6	18	25	2	34
17	Yeovil	28	5	2	6	15	18	4	4	7	14	23	-12	33
18	Plymouth	30	5	4	6	18	21	4	2	9	17	27	-13	33
19	Notts County	25	7	1	5	18	13	2	4	6	14	19	0	32
20	Swindon	29	5	6	5	17	19	2	4	7	23	29	-8	31
21	Tranmere	26	5	4	5	18	20	3	3	6	12	18	-8	31
22	Walsall	29	4	1	8	19	25	3	5	8	19	29	-16	27
23	Bristol Rovers	28	4	4	6	17	24	2	5	7	17	34	-24	27
24	Dag & Red	26	3	4	5	14	16	3	3	8	15	25	-12	25

Not including last night's games

Sheffield Wednesday keeper Arron Jameson brings down Keanu Marsh-Brown in the area during the first-half on Saturday. Peter Leven scored from the resulting spot kick to give the Dons an early lead. Picture Andy Handley

Up and away!

BY SIMONE CORGAN

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MK DONS fans no longer need to fear looking at the 'away' column in the League One table.

The club's well documented form on the road was one of the worst in the division but, after four consecutive games away from stadiummk, that record is much improved.

The point at Sheffield Wednesday extended the Dons' unbeaten run to four.

Last week Sean O'Hanlon and Daniel Powell were on target in a 2-1 win at Bristol Rovers and Dons also beat Dagenham & Redbridge and drew with Leyton Orient during their three week absence from MK.

Powell, one of the star performers over recent weeks, was back on the score sheet at Sheffield Wednesday last weekend in a thrilling game at Hillsborough.

The drama came in the 18th minute when new loan signing Keanu Marsh-Brown was brought down by Owls' goalie Arron Jameson, a trip which earned him a booking, and Peter Leven confidently converted from the penalty spot.

The trickery of Marsh-Brown was a delight to watch with raw pace to terrify full-backs, which caused Owls problems as they were pulled apart by his break to the byline and cut-back into the box which was turned home by Powell.

Marsh-Brown, on his full debut, received high praise from his boss.

Robinson said: "For a kid of that age [18] he's got tremendous ability. He came in today and gave me and the club everything he had, which is great."

Gary Megson's first game in charge of the Owls, who sacked Alan Irvine days earlier, appeared to be falling apart until Gary MacKenzie picked up a second caution to leave the Dons to play with ten men for the best part of 50 minutes.

Despite an enforced reshuffle at the back and the numerical disadvantage, the Dons coped well with the pressure applied by an attacking Owls outfit.

But Giles Coke, who had been poor in midfield, found the ball that finally broke Dons' back line and Neil Mellor produced a great finish to give the vocal home fans something to cheer about.

A frantic finish then followed as Clinton Morrison found room at a corner to bundle in the equaliser.

At the other end Dean Lewington almost grabbed a winner, before a fast counter-attack ended with Leven picking up his second caution, and the resulting red card, as he stopped Mellor's clear run at goal.

Robinson felt his side should have won it and taken three points, he said: "After all that went on you'd take a point. But I felt we should have won the game."

A tally of eight points on the road from a possible 12 is the perfect medicine for Dons' travel sickness.

COMING UP

BRENTFORD
League One
Saturday, February 12
stadiummk KO 3pm

ON THE back of four successive away days MK Dons return to stadiummk.

The Dons have one of the best home records in the league having won nine, drawn two and lost two on their own turf.

While Brentford, who sacked manager Andy Scott last week, have enjoyed mixed fortunes away from Griffin Park suffering eight defeats. The Bees' board feel their large wage bill and big money signings have not paid off.

Veteran Bees striker Nicky Forster was in charge at the weekend as Brentford ended a seven-game winless run to beat Plymouth Argyle 2-0. Dons boss Karl Robinson will be without Peven and Gary MacKenzie (both suspended), yet will have Sean O'Hanlon available.

On the same day stadiummk will be hosting its first ever Ladies' Day.

LEYTON ORIENT
League One
Tuesday, February 15
stadiummk KO 7.45pm

THREE weeks will have passed since these two sides last met.

This fixture was rearranged due to Orient's involvement in the FA Cup two weeks ago and to the surprise of many they remain in the famous competition.

And Dons will be hoping the O's have their eyes on the mouthwatering fifth round home tie against Arsenal, which takes place just days after their trip to stadiummk.

When the two sides battled it out at Brisbane Road they shared a thrilling 2-2 draw - it was only the second time the Dons had dropped points to the O's.

Dons' record against Orient reads at three wins, one defeat and one draw.

Last night Orient were in action against struggling Swindon Town.

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Leaders blitz Olney as Bletchley slump

RUGBY

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LEAGUE leaders Maidenhead handed out a thrashing to Olney.

The table toppers showed their dominance from the first minute as they took advantage of handling mistakes by Olney to take the lead with a converted try.

Before Olney could mount a fightback they found themselves 31-0 with half-an-hour on the clock and by half-time Maidenhead had an unassailable 38-0 advantage.

Olney were much improved in the second-half and when Maidenhead had FOUR players in the sin bin at one time the visitors were able to claw by a try through Scot Walker.

But Maidenhead, back to full strength, hit back with two more tries, of which one was converted, to extend their impressive lead.

The final say went to Olney who were able to clinch a second try late on as James Hannah ran under the posts and Kevin Smith added the conversion.

Bletchley 13
Marlow 16

BLETCHLEY'S poor discipline saw them slump to a 12th defeat of the season.

The narrow loss to Marlow has left Bletchley second from bottom in the table.

An early exchange of penalties tied the score at three apiece and it took 30 minutes for the first try to be recorded.

It went it Bletchley's favour as Tim Stobbs run over the line before Phil Harman added the conversion.

But ill discipline saw the home side's lead cut down to two points when they had two men sent to the sin bin and a try for Marlow saw the score line read 10-8 at half-time.

Despite returning to an equal number of players, Marlow had the better of the play and a run down the wing resulted in an unconverted try which edged the visitors ahead.

As time ticked by Harman set up a nervous end as his penalty levelled the scores, but Bletchley's hopes of taking something from the game disappeared when another yellow card was dished out against them and a Marlow penalty won the match.

SPORTSSHORTS

Rowers off to flyer

THE year started in spectacular style for Milton Keynes Rowing Club with two wins at the Northampton Head Race.

The women's coxed four saw off their rival crew Oundle with a clear win, adding to the recent successes for this crew, and it was a 1-2, for MK in the mixed double event.

Milton Keynes Rowing Club are now setting their sights on the next challenge at the Bedford Head Race later this month, and hope to continue their winning streak.

RB7 out in Jerez

RED Bull Racing will give their new cars a second outing this week.

The Milton Keynes-based F1 outfit unveiled their RB7 in Valencia last week with current world champion Sebastian Vettel and team mate Mark Webber enjoying time behind the wheel.

Webber enjoyed the final day of testing at the Ricardo Tormo Circuit as he completed 105 laps and produced a best time of 1:13.939.

Tomorrow the team will embark on four days testing in Jerez where they will continue to check over the new Pirelli tyres, system checks and aerodynamic developments of the car.

Swimmers in the medals

A GROUP of swimmers impressed during a recent Masters Long Course gala held in Crawley.

Ten members of the South Beds Masters Swimming Club, who meet at Bletchley and Leighton Buzzard pools, picked up 24 medals, set 13 new east region records and smashed 21 club records.

Daniel Hayes, Jo Jenner, Clare Warren, Jeanetta Lee, Christine Ayers and Liz Neale, Peter Iles, Andrea Minor, Rita Egan and Chris Jessup were among those competing at the Masters – an event held for swimmers over 25.

Doubles delight

NATHAN Robertson and Jenny Wallwork retained their mixed doubles title at the English National Badminton Championships in Manchester when they defeated Chris Adcock and Gabby White 21-18 16-21 21-17 in a 56-minute contest.

It gave Robertson his sixth mixed title after four wins with Gail Emms before his second with Wallwork.

It also put him level with Simon Archer and Mike Tredgett as the most successful men on the mixed doubles honours board at the Nationals.

Lions hit form

BASKETBALL

WORTHING THUNDER	**106**
MK LIONS	**108**
MK LIONS	**97**
MERSEY TIGERS	**95**

Travis Nelson: Traded baskets with Worthing's Shaun Durant to take the score to 106-106

MIKE New believes his MK Lions might have discovered the form that can turn their season around.

The Lions' campaign looked to be slipping away as they struggled with nine defeats in the British Basketball League Championship.

However, Lions have now recorded four consecutive victories, two away from home, to give the club a realistic chance of making the BBL play-offs.

Their latest win, a thrilling 108-106 result over Worthing Thunder, came two days after beating Mersey Tigers who are level on points at the top of the table.

It was a result that closed the gap on ninth placed Worcester Wolves and they still have a number of games in hand on the teams above them. After a slow start by both sides, a 13-4 burst from the home side gave them a 15-6 lead, but the Lions kept themselves right in the game as they netted 16 of the last 26 points of the first quarter to close the gap to just two points at 25-23 at the end of the first period.

In the second period the Lions took the lead early on in the period and lead by as many as seven points at 29-36, but a 9-2 tear to close out the first-half saw the Thunder take a slender one-point lead into the locker rooms leading 52-51 at the half.

The Lions broke the game open thanks to a 33-8 burst across the final quarter break to lead 79-94 midway through the final period.

The sides exchanged scores before a three-pointer from Sherrad Prezzie-Blue got the home side to within a single point at 101-102, but Travis Nelson and Shaun Durant traded baskets to take the score to 106-106 with 14 seconds remaining.

And it was Shawn Myers who sent the visitors into the lead with a basket with 3.5 seconds remaining. Prezzie-Blue had the opportunity to win the game for the home side but his buzzer-beater did not trouble the basket as the Lions came away with the victory.

Head coach New said: "Obviously happy to come out with a win but we are aware we still have a lot to do. Although we are on a bit of a run at the moment tonight's game exposed a few cracks in our armour."

■ ON Friday night Lions host Plymouth Raiders at their Winterhill home, tip-off 7.30pm, and on Sunday they travel to Essex Pirates, tip-off 7.30pm.

Lightning dealt title blow

ICE HOCKEY

MK LIGHTNING'S hopes of regaining the English Premier League Ice Hockey title were dealt a blow as they were defeated by Slough Jets and taken to penalties by Basingstoke Bison.

Lightning emerged victorious from the penalty shoot-out but points dropped at Slough have left the team 14 off the pace, although they still have four games in hand over leaders Manchester Phoenix.

Nick Poole's men, having lost 7-4 at Slough 24 hours earlier, were staring at the possibility of back-to-back defeat when they trailed Bison 2-0 early in the first period.

It took Bison 88 seconds to break the deadlock when former MK skater Mindy Keiras set up Nicky Chinn and minutes later Ollie Bronnimann doubled the visitors' lead.

But a fumble by Bison keeper Dean Skinns sparked Lightning's fightback as Adam Brittle pounced on the loose pluck to claw a goal back.

Michael Wales and Bison's Ciaran Long were both sent to the penalty box by referee Dave Cloutman as the first period drew on and Wales' first act on re-emerging was to pass to his skipper Adam Carr, who scored the equaliser.

Lightning could have taken the lead and put the game beyond doubt but they failed to convert the 17 chances fired at the Bison netminder.

Neither side could add to the score line in the final period despite both having enough chances to wrap up the points.

Five minutes of overtime followed, Lightning continued to put the visitors under immense pressure but Bison showed they were not prepared to leave without a fight, putting Hollyhead's net under threat on more than one occasion.

And the game was decided in a nervy penalty shoot-out.

Lightning captain Carr and Blaz Emersic netted their penalties and two saves from Barry Hollyhead saw Lightning clinch the win.

■ LIGHTNING are at home to Guildford Flames on Saturday, face-off 7pm, and on Sunday they travel to Manchester Phoenix, face-off 5.30pm.

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Dons' Chairman Pete talks exclusively to MK NEWS

"I know the respect that MK Dons have got in football, after a very difficult start... because we try to do things in the right way

BY SIMONE CORGAN

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MK Dons' chairman has spoken out to ease fears of supporters following the exodus of players in the January transfer window.

In an exclusive interview with MK NEWS, Pete Winkelman voiced his commitment to make the club successful financially as well as on the pitch, and revealed emergency loan signings will be brought in to strengthen the team.

Aaron Wilbraham, Jermaine Easter, Jemal Johnson, Luke Howell, Mark Carrington and Willy Gueret all left the club during a hectic month of transfer activity.

Dietmar Hamann also quit his role as player-coach to become first team coach at Leicester City last week.

Winkelman explained: "It's been an interesting window, perhaps our busiest window. January was a result of what didn't happen at the start of the season - a lot of new players came into the squad and a few players were then going to leave, but that didn't happen.

"If you look at the players that have gone Didi hasn't had much match time recently; Willy hasn't had any match time at all; Alby and Jermaine Easter's match time this year is kind of irrelevant in the greater scheme of things; the only person who has had decent match time and has gone was Mark Carrington.

"We will be replacing that role in the emergency loan window because we obviously need it with injuries and suspensions.

Pete Winkelman with Simone Corgan

"We're continuing to lose seven figures of money at this football club every year, we will do again this year despite all these changes.

"Where you can make savings in overheads that don't affect your performance on the pitch then I think they're the ones to take."

A number of players had their contracts renegotiated two years ago when the club were on course for Championship football under Roberto Di Matteo, but when the promotion dream was crushed in the play-offs the Dons were left with players on high wages by League One standard.

And the club have since been trying to cut down the wage bill, while remaining competitive on the pitch.

Winkelman added: "We're spending the sixth biggest wage bill in League One. Other people are spending more because they are prepared to lose more money.

"We've done that in years gone by, in one year we managed to lose £3million pound, but I shouldn't say that as if it's a trophy, it's actually a worry.

"Where is the sustainability of a business losing £3million? We try to lose about £1million now and some may say even that's not sustainable.

"The ambition that the city of Milton Keynes has overrides everything else and therefore it is incumbent on me to try and keep the ambition of the football club, but I also have to do that prudently.

"I know the respect that Milton Keynes Dons have got in football, after a very difficult start, in the last few years because we try to do things in the right way.

"The right way might not always look right week to week but if you look month to month or year to year there's a continual development in the way the club is going forward."

And although he is taking criticism from fans for cutting the size of the squad down and not splashing the cash, Winkelman believes they will see positive results later down the line.

He said: "The success of the club is the beating heart of what we do.

"I didn't do all of this to build a McDonald's, if that's what I wanted to do I would have done it 20 years ago. I did this because I want to create the legacy of a Premier League football team in Milton Keynes.

"We're in reasonably good shape given that we've just gone through some of the most horrific few years in business and football finances in general.

"I think the supporters will ultimately be pleased that they can trust that we're not being stupid."

NINE man MK Dons continued to recover from the travel sickness that plagued them in the first half of the season as they drew 2-2 at Sheffield Wednesday. A thrilling game at Hillsborough saw the Dons open a two goal lead before being pegged back to 2-2. Dons had two men sent-off but still claimed a point.

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